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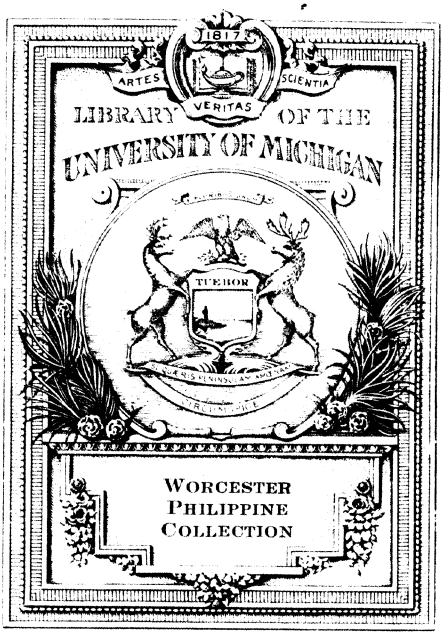
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OF THE

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

BEING THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE

OCTOBER 16, 1911, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1912

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

Begun and held at the city of Manila on Monday, the sixteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and eleven, being the second regular session of the Second Philippine Legislature held under the Act of Congress of the United States approved July first, nineteen hundred and two.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 4 o'clock postmeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The Secretary of the Assembly appeared and delivered the following resolutions of the Assembly:

Assembly Resolution No. 97. *Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed on the part of the House to join with a similar committee appointed by the Commission to wait upon the Governor-General and inform him that a quorum of both Houses is assembled and that the Legislature is ready to receive any communication that he may desire to make.

Assembly Resolution No. 98. *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Assembly inform the Philippine Commission that a quorum of the Philippine Assembly is assembled and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 73. *Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the Philippine Assembly that a quorum of the Commission is assembled and that the Commission is ready to proceed to business.

Resolved further, That in conformity with the request of the Assembly the Chair be and hereby is requested to appoint a committee of three to meet the committee appointed by the Assembly for the purpose of waiting upon the Governor-General and notifying him that a quorum of both Houses of the Legislature is assembled and ready to receive any communication which he might desire to make to it.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Chair thereupon appointed Commissioners Luzuriaga, Palma, and Branagan as such committee, and the proceedings of the Commission were suspended while the Vice-Governor, on behalf of the Governor-General, received the committees of the Legislature and delivered to them the Governor-General's message.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The Commission reconvened and at the direction of the Chair the Secretary read the message of the Governor-General as follows:

MANILA, *October 16, 1911.*

GENTLEMEN: Upon the occasion of the opening of the second regular session of the Second Philippine Legislature, I have the honor to submit the customary message of the Chief Executive, containing a brief statement of existing conditions and my recommendations as to future legislation.

I am glad to be able to inform the Legislature that the tranquility throughout the Philippine Islands noted in my last message remains undisturbed. The recent death of the outlaw Otoy, the last pulajan chief in Samar, has brought it about that Scouts which have been constantly maintained in that island may now be withdrawn and the central district of the island, the progress of which has been somewhat retarded by the presence of this small band of outlaws, is now as free from disturbing influence as is any other portion of the Islands.

A recent shortage in the rice supply of the Orient and an unexpected and very sharp rise in the price of rice at the time threatened

to menace the tranquillity and good order of the Islands. Acting under the advice of a committee, of which the Secretary of Finance and Justice was chairman and having representatives of the Government and business community, both Filipino and American, the Bureau of Supply has purchased a large number of tons of rice much of which otherwise would have gone to China. The announcement of this action on the part of the Government resulted in an immediate reduction of the price of rice to within reasonable limits throughout the Islands and has put the main staple food of the Islands within reach of everybody, as the price now is not so high but that the people generally can afford to take it. It is possible that this purchase will cause the Government some loss but the end sought was so desirable that the undersigned feels confident that the action taken was in the best interests of the people.

A second year's experience with the Payne Bill has demonstrated beyond a doubt its importance to the Philippine Islands, and each succeeding year will prove the cumulative value which the freedom of the markets of the United States is to the Filipino. The increase in the price of sugar and tobacco, the constant improvement in the market for copra has brought it about that at the time of writing many provinces are really prosperous and have put behind them the cry of hard times so prevalent a few years ago. This is especially so in Occidental Negros, Iloilo and Tayabas. The condition of the hemp industry is not so satisfactory and the undersigned is of the opinion that the Government should make a very careful study of the hemp situation with a view to determining the cause of the stagnation of that business and apply such remedy, legislative or administrative, as may seem necessary in the best interests of the people.

I am glad to be able to inform the Legislature that the effect of the construction of railroads has been more beneficial even than had been hoped. The Manila Railroad Company during the year has opened up its lines to the following points: Batangas, on the Manila–Batangas Line; San Pablo, on the Luta–Lucena Line; Mojon, on the Calamba–Santa Cruz Line; Santa Cruz, on the Noveleta–Naic Line; and Rosales, on the Paniqui–Tayug Line. The opening up of these lines has had an almost magical effect in stimulating industry and fostering production; territory in which crops had not been harvested for years is now being cared for, and particularly in the provinces of Batangas, La Laguna and Tayabas the advent of the railroad seems to have made the difference between a backward and a progressive situation.

There has been a determined and systematic effort to injure the tobacco industry of the Philippine Islands in the United States and this effort has met with a partial success inasmuch as the exports to

the United States have fallen from ₱9,274,990 in last year, to ₱7,211,134 in this year. It is believed that the inherent merit of Philippine tobacco and the quality of its cigars and cigarettes thus sought to be injured artificially will win back whatever has been lost and that the tobacco industry will grow until it presently reaches the limits set by law for importations from these Islands into the United States. To accomplish this result it would be extremely advantageous if the tobacco growers and manufacturers in the Philippine Islands would organize and avail themselves of the money appropriated by the last Legislature to advertise Philippine products in the United States. As yet the Government and the merchants have not succeeded in creating an organization properly to care for the expenditure of the money appropriated at the last session of the Legislature. The Merchants' Association however is actively coöperating in this matter. There has arisen no difficulty or difference of opinion and it is probable that before long the organization will be complete and the new publicity business will be under way.

I beg to recommend that legislation be enacted which will provide a constant fund from government sources to be added to the fund voluntarily contributed by the merchants in order that this most vital work may be carried on and the Islands reap the benefits which will unquestionably accrue.

In the matter of revenues, the customs receipts noted in my last message to have fallen off ₱1,429,000 have this year increased by ₱835,000 over the previous year—a very healthy sign. Up to date in the present fiscal year the falling off in the customs collections has been immaterial and at the present time they are holding their own with the same period for last year. On the other hand the internal revenue has increased ₱1,192,946 during the year, and for the first quarter of the present fiscal year the Insular Government's share of internal-revenue collections exceeds those for the same period of last year by ₱86,000. It is by no means certain that the customs receipts will continue as high as they have in the past two or three years. The merchants are importing more and more from the free markets of the United States, and it is only the fact that increased prices have increased the purchasing power of the people which has held the customs up as high as they now are.

The facts regarding the economic situation generally as revealed both by a careful study of our statistics and the inspection of every province in the Archipelago do not justify the expressions still too frequently heard that the country is in a precarious and critical economic condition. Such expressions are without good basis of fact and it is to be hoped that all will recognize at least the expediency of looking on the brighter side and of claiming their finances are strong when they are. It is hoped that the Islands will be

presently in position to borrow considerable sums of money for urgent public works and permanent improvements, and the Government will stand a very much better chance of getting a high price for its securities if people believe that the financial condition of the country is sound, as it is.

EVIDENCE OF COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY.

The increase in the trade with the United States in the last three years is shown by the following figures:

1909	₱29,895,000
1910	59,183,832
1911	73,265,410

Instead of falling off, the importations from Europe and other countries than the United States increased the first year since the passage of the Payne Bill from ₱46,201,302 to ₱52,571,594 and the second year from ₱52,571,594 to ₱60,060,598, an increase of over ₱20,000,000 in two years; the internal-revenue tax of one-third of one per cent on business transactions increased the first year from ₱1,263,755 to ₱1,524,403 and the second year from ₱1,524,403 to ₱1,771,822. This shows an increase in business of ₱232,000,000 in two years, or, counting also exports and all trade with the United States, a total increase in both business and trade of ₱320,000,000. While this is by no means what it is hoped will come later, it indicates a marked improvement in trade and better times.

FINANCES.

The surplus at the beginning of the year was ₱3,870,458.52. In my last message I stated that I hoped to maintain a reserve of ₱4,000,000 more or less. I have, however, this year permitted the reserve to fall off to about ₱1,000,000. This has been done because the islands were in urgent need of public works and it has been found that public works could not be undertaken until plans and studies had been made and a considerable lapse of time had passed after the appropriation was made before expenditures could be made; thus we have a sum of about ₱6,000,000 appropriated but not yet spent. Under the provisions of Act 1902, the power is given to cancel these appropriations and return to the treasury any amount which is deemed to be necessary for the maintenance of the reserve. It thus comes about that during the present fiscal year it will be necessary to spend money only on those public works previously appropriated for and allow the reserve to accumulate or find some other way of replenishing the reserve. It is to be noted that the gross appropriations for public works payable from this year's

revenue reached the large sum of ₱6,227,000, which is more than has been available or could reasonably be expected to be available at the present time. The only safeguard in making the appropriation lay in the fact that most of this money could not be spent until released by the Governor-General. It is thought imperative that a large amount of the public works and permanent improvements projected, especially the continuation of the construction of roads and the building of bridges and schools in the provinces, be continued to completion. Delay would result in breaking up the organization and in the probable loss of competent and valuable men whom we might not be able to obtain at a later time.

I am glad to be able to say that, in the opinion of good judges, both here and in Washington, the gold-standard fund has now reached an amount larger than is necessary for the protection of the currency, and I have the honor to recommend that a law be passed fixing the total of the gold-standard fund at 35 per cent of the money of the Government of the Philippine Islands in circulation and available for that purpose, which would make the fund, at the present time, about ₱18,000,000, and authorizing the deposit of accretions in excess of such amount in the treasury as a miscellaneous receipt available for current appropriation. Fixing the sum at this amount and authorizing the deposit of the excess in the treasury would result in increasing the available cash by ₱2,500,000. This will enable the Government to continue work on roads, schools, buildings, bridges, ports, and irrigation, which are necessary for the interests of the people, and at the same time to maintain a proper and adequate reserve. I also recommend that a reasonable percentage of the gold-standard fund, fixed as above, be maintained in the treasury in cash, the balance being made available for the following purposes:

1. For loans to provinces and municipalities. There are a great many improvements, especially markets, for which there is an immediate need and which are most beneficial to the people and have the effect of increasing the revenues of the municipalities to a degree that enables them to repay the cost of such markets in a very few years.

2. For investment in securities and for such other uses as the funds of the Postal Savings Bank can be put to.

3. That the Governor-General be authorized to purchase bonds of companies organized by proprietors of sugar estates in provinces where there are considerable numbers of sugar haciendas, for the purpose of assisting the owners thereof in building sugar centrals, under terms and conditions which will amply secure the Government in the matter.

The following table shows the transfers made under the provisions of Act No. 1902 during the last fiscal year:

Transfers from the general fund of the Insular Treasury to appropriation accounts by direction of the Governor-General, fiscal year 1911.

The Philippine Assembly	₱20,000.00
Executive Bureau	5,000.00
Bureau of Audits	41,045.42
Bureau of Civil Service	1,960.79
Bureau of Science (aquarium)	40,000.00
Bureau of Forestry	5,846.77
Bureau of Constabulary	5,882.35
Bureau of Public Works	108,000.00
Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey	20,508.47
Bureau of Agriculture	175,539.87
Bureau of Prisons, prison division	7,000.00
The Philippines Library	35,000.00
Aid to Province of Palawan	15,000.00
Repair Oriente, Malacañan, and Ayuntamiento buildings	46,000.00
Total	526,783.67

The aggregate amount was ₱526,783.67 as compared with ₱427,623.55 in the fiscal year 1910. Of this amount ₱20,000 was transferred to the Philippine Assembly, ₱40,000 to the Bureau of Science for the construction of an aquarium, ₱175,000 to the Bureau of Agriculture for the rinderpest campaign, ₱25,000 to the Philippines Library for the purchase of Filipiniana, and practically all the rest for public works.

Under authority given by section 4 of Act No. 1989, the Secretaries of the various Departments have authorized the use for permanent improvements of the following sums appropriated for current expenses:

1909	₱260,673.72
1910	1,052,229.02
1911	441,368.36

The estimate for the present fiscal year is as follows:

Fiscal year 1912.

RESOURCES.

Reserve:		
Cash available for appropriation, June 30, 1911	₱447,332.37	
Appropriated from funds of fiscal year 1911 for permanent improvements by Acts Nos. 1988, 2052, and 2058, not yet released by the Governor-General	643,000.00	
		₱1,090,332.37
Estimated revenue	₱25,072,300.00	
Receipts, etc	164,356.94	
		25,236,656.94
Total estimated resources		26,326,989.31

Fiscal year 1912—Continued.

LIABILITIES.

Fixed charges			₱3,396,048.44	
Permanent improvements:				
Continuing		₱1,500,000		
Total appropriated fiscal year 1912, ₱4,726,952; released by Governor-General	₱670,000.00			
Non-Christian province appropriation not subject to release by Governor-General	372,452.00	1,042,452	2,542,452.00	
Current expenses:				
Continuing	229,461.11			
Fiscal year 1912	19,238,988.00			
			19,468,449.11	
Total liabilities				25,406,949.55
Estimated balance provided no further amounts are released by the Governor-General				920,039.76

As shown by the foregoing statement, the estimated Insular revenue for the fiscal year 1912 is ₱25,236,600. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimates that the receipts of his office during the year will be ₱8,900,000, an increase of about ₱600,000 over the receipts of last year. The Insular Collector of Customs estimates the receipts of the Bureau of Customs at ₱15,500,000, which is a decrease of ₱1,000,000 from the actual receipts of last year. The latter estimate is conservative and the receipts, if they continue at the present rate, will exceed this amount.

The total appropriations for current expenses for the present fiscal year amount to ₱19,468,000, and for fixed charges ₱3,400,000; ₱1,250,000 of the fixed charges is the annual contribution of the Insular Government toward the expenses of the city of Manila. The other fixed charges are interest on bonds of the Insular Government issued for public works and permanent improvements and guaranteed interest on bonds issued by the railroads.

The total appropriations for the fiscal year 1912 for public works and permanent improvements amount to ₱6,227,000, all of which are to be paid out of the current revenues of the present fiscal year. The continuing appropriations for permanent improvements are ₱250,000 for strong-material schoolhouses, ₱750,000 for irrigation systems, and ₱500,000 for roads and bridges. Act No. 2059, which appropriated ₱4,354,000 for Insular permanent improvements, provided that none of the appropriations authorized therein should be available for use until released by the Governor-General. Of this amount only ₱670,000 has thus far been released, and the release of further amounts will be contingent on and governed by the amount of revenues received. Thus, as the matter now stands, unless further releases are made, the Government will have a surplus of ₱920,039.76. But in case the continuing annual appropriations for irrigation and schools are not spent this year, the surplus at the end of the year

should be about ₱2,000,000. In order to give some idea of the rapidity with which public works are now being constructed, the following data, showing the expenditures during the fiscal year 1911 for permanent improvements, will be of interest:

Expended from Insular revenues	₱7,286,000
Expended from provincial revenues	2,786,000
Expended from municipal revenues (fiscal year ending December 31, 1910)	844,000
Total	10,916,000

It would be most unfortunate to stop public works to this extent, and the suggested legislation releasing ₱2,500,000 of the gold-standard fund is urgently recommended.

The Commission, in its exclusive capacity, has passed appropriation bills for current expenses of ₱1,288,200, and for public works and permanent improvements ₱372,400.

BAGUIO.

I regret to inform the Legislature that two very heavy storms have done a great damage to the Benguet Road and that Baguio has been closed to wheel transportation for several months. It is expected to reopen the road by temporary construction and that within two years the railroad will have completed its construction to Baguio and that the advantages of the summer capital will be more easily available.

HEALTH.

Health conditions in the Archipelago during the past year have been better than ever before. There have been practically no epidemic diseases, cholera having been confined to one case in La Laguna Province, twenty-seven in Union Province, and one case in Manila. Owing to the largely increased number of inhabitants who have been vaccinated, there have been very few cases of smallpox during the year and nearly all in an extremely mild form.

I am glad to be able to inform the Legislature that the General Hospital is now fully opened in successful operation and giving general satisfaction. I believe Manila can congratulate itself in having the best arranged and best equipped hospital in the Orient.

The Southern Islands Hospital will soon be ready for occupancy and it is expected to bring to the Southern Islands the advantages which have so far been confined to those who are able to attend the Philippine General Hospital. The segregation of lepers has been so successfully prosecuted that the number collected each year is much reduced and the efforts of the Bureau of Health are now largely devoted to making the Culion leper colony more comfortable and beautiful.

RINDERPEST.

In the matter of rinderpest, owing to the very active and cordial coöperation of Major-General Bell, the Government has been able to maintain an effective quarantine and has practically succeeded in stamping the disease out of the great province of Pangasinan, after a campaign lasting many months and involving the use of a great many Scouts. While progress can be noted in the control of rinderpest and especially of getting record of cases whenever they appear, a great deal has yet to be done and the Government is not in position to reduce its forces or its expenses or to lessen its activities in this direction.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.

Vice-Governor Gilbert, during his stay in the United States, succeeded in securing the services, as Director of Agriculture, of Mr. F. W. Taylor, a very distinguished gentleman, who has made a reputation in agriculture, and it is hoped that under his wise guidance great stimulus will be given to the agricultural work of the Government.

SALES AGENCY.

The Commission, acting in its exclusive legislative capacity, has established a sales agency to work up a market for the products of the schools and for the specialties manufactured by the non-Christian tribes, and has appropriated the sum of ₱60,000 for the construction of a sales agency building on the filled-in land near the new hotel now nearing completion. It is hoped with this to keep in touch with the markets of the world for those things made in the schools, such as laces, embroidery, hats, woodworking, et-cetera, and to be able to put the Bureau of Education in touch with those lines of practical work which will command a market and will enable children, upon leaving school, to earn a living by reason of the things they have learned in the school. It is believed that this service could readily be extended to the children in the schools throughout the Archipelago and the matter is recommended to the consideration of the Legislature with a recommendation that the necessary legislation be made to give all the schools of the Islands participation in these benefits.

NEW LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED.

I have the honor to repeat my recommendations made at the last session of the Legislature for the passage of a law regulating the use of water for private and public purposes, and the terms upon which water for the purpose of irrigation may be taken from the public streams and distributed among landowners. A bill intended to accomplish this purpose was presented at the first session of the Legislature and at the extraordinary session in Baguio, and both times failed of passage. A committee, upon which three distin-

guished members of the Assembly worked throughout the summer months of last year, prepared a plan to meet the objections which arose in connection with the first two bills, but the resulting bill failed of passage. It is hoped that a similar bill will now meet the approval of the Legislature.

At the first session of the Legislature also there was offered a commercial shipping bill, to define the status of seamen and creating the office of shipping commissioner. It is believed that this would be of great assistance to the shipping interests, and the passage of this bill is recommended.

It is not believed advisable that concessions or charters for public-service corporations should contain provision for the distribution of the percentage paid to the Government in lieu of taxes between the Insular, provincial and municipal treasuries, as the proportions would be different in different charters and would not follow any regular rule. It is therefore recommended that a general law be enacted providing for such proportionment.

By decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the punishment imposed by the laws in force in the Philippine Islands for falsification of a public document is declared to be cruel and unusual. The penalty imposed by existing law for this crime is out of proportion to the magnitude of the crime and to penalties imposed for other similar crimes. It is recommended that an amendment be made to the Penal Code modifying the penalty in these cases, as the decision of the Supreme Court may have the result of liberating certain persons who ought to undergo punishment, and yet who can not be punished to the extreme now provided for in the law. This amendment of law is recommended by the Code Committee.

Act No. 817 provides a means to fight locusts and gives the provincial governors the necessary authority to enforce the work on the part of the community, incurring certain expenses. The law, however, provides that these expenses shall be defrayed from the Congressional Relief Fund, which has now been exhausted, a fact which renders the law ineffective. It is recommended that a fund be created that can be used in the future for such purposes.

The matter of control of labor is one of the serious problems which confront the Philippine Islands. In the First Legislature the Assembly passed a bill which was calculated to remedy the present difficulty, but which was not approved by the Commission on the ground of doubt as to its constitutionality. It is hoped that some Act can be framed which will penalize failure to fulfill the contract for the performance of labor for which money has been advanced, providing always that the terms have been just and reasonable.

The Government, and incidentally the people, of the Philippine Islands, are continually suffering loss of their good employees. Good

men are hard to get and hold, as they are always sought for other positions, and the service which can attract the best class of men and hold them is the one which is going to prosper most. In the tropics there is the additional risk of losing the health, and a great many valuable American employees have left the Philippine service because of the fact that they feared, after twelve, fifteen, or twenty years of faithful service, that they would go back and find that they were unfitted for the kind of work which remained for them to do at home. The cost of living here is such that very few people are able to save much money from their salaries, and the result is that many men are willing to accept a position in the United States at a lower salary and with less responsible work. Could those who had given their lives to the service of the Philippine Islands be assured that a pension would be given to them on retirement it would result in a marked economy in the matter of holding good men in the service, and in the long run would be beneficial to the Islands and result in economies and saving and betterment of administration in excess of the cost of paying the pensions to those who availed themselves of the privilege. I therefore recommend that the Legislature pass an Act providing for a reasonable pension which would be proportioned on the length of service and on the salary received.

Except in the non-Christian provinces, there is no express provision of law prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude in the Philippine Islands. While the law provides certain methods of punishing the practice of slavery, as for example, the law for illegal detention, yet it does not seem right that an enlightened and modern country should have no way of punishing the purchase or sale of human flesh. It is recommended that this be remedied by appropriate legislation at the coming session.

Another crying evil in the administration of justice lies in the fact that witnesses are not paid for the time they are taken away from their work, which renders it not only a difficult matter to obtain justice, but also makes it a hardship on innocent persons, who are compelled to leave their work in order to see that justice is done. It is customary in many civilized countries to pay the fees of witnesses during the time they are engaged in a case. The only reason this has not been done before is on account of the expense. It will take an increased appropriation for the Bureau of Justice, but it is an expense which the Filipino people should take as soon as the finances will justify it.

I have the honor to recommend the passage of a law providing for a method of a general cadastral survey. Such a law is of vital importance to the welfare and prosperity of the Islands. By Act No. 495 a method of settling titles guaranteed by the Government has been provided, but the cost of registering land and the delays caused by faulty and improper surveys have so retarded the settle-

ment of land titles that but a minimum of the benefits of the "Torrens" system has been received. Without a good title to his land the small land holder cannot borrow money from the banks, and especially the Agricultural Bank, without which he cannot buy carabao and the necessary machinery for cultivation. A bill was prepared by a competent committee of experts on this question and introduced at the last session. The two Houses disagreed on certain important points of this law and the bill was not passed.

The necessity of an habitual criminal act has been urged on the undersigned by those who are in charge of the prisons of the Islands. In passing such an Act we should be but following the lead of other enlightened countries and taking a step which has been found to work most successfully.

In the Philippine Islands the rates for loaning money have always been extremely high. It is customary to provide by law against loans of money at exorbitant rates of interest, and administrative action has already been taken to prevent the loaning of money at high rates of interest by employees of the Government. I am of the opinion that a law making usury a punishable offense would be of great assistance to the people of the Islands, and in this also we should be merely following in the footsteps of most civilized countries.

The undersigned desires to bring to the attention of the Legislature the fact that machinery which is attached to buildings is subject to the land tax. This has a bad effect, as it tends to discourage the purchase and installation of machinery throughout the Islands, which is necessary to bring to the highest point of development the sugar and many other industries on which the welfare of the people rests. It is urged that the law be amended so that machinery will be exempted from this tax.

There are many amendments to existing legislation which will be presented by the Secretaries of Departments, with their reasons. These involve, among others, sundry changes in regard to the mining, forestry, customs, internal revenue, sanitary and land laws.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

To the PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

The message was ordered spread upon the Journal of the Commission, and

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, it was

Resolved, That the message of the Governor-General be referred to committees of the Commission for the preparation of such legislation as said committees may deem advisable, as follows:

That so much of said message as relates to the release

and investment of portions of the gold-standard fund, the amendment of the Penal Code, the payment of fees to witnesses, an habitual criminal law, a law making usury a punishable offense, and a law to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude, be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

That so much of said message as relates to legislation to afford all schools of the Islands participation in the benefits of a sales agency for their products, legislation to provide a fund to fight locusts, and legislation to provide a fund for advertising Philippine products, be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

That so much of said message as relates to legislation regulating the use of water for private and public purposes and for irrigation, the creation of the office of shipping commissioner and defining the status of seamen, and legislation to control labor, be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

That so much of said message as relates to legislation to provide for a cadastral survey be referred to a select committee composed of the Committees on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, and on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

That so much of said message as relates to legislation for pensioning civil servants and as to the taxing of machinery attached to buildings be referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

That so much of said message as relates to the distribution of moneys paid by public service corporations in lieu of taxes be referred to a select committee composed of the Committees on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice and on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

That so much of said message as relates to the study and encouragement of the hemp industry be referred to a committee composed of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction and the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 74. *Resolved*, That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is directed to have printed in pamphlet form five thousand copies in English and three thousand copies in Spanish of the message of the Governor-General to the Philippine Legislature, delivered at the opening of the second session of the Second Philippine Legislature on Monday, October sixteenth, nineteen hundred and eleven, one thousand or more copies in English to be furnished the Honorable the Secretary of War as may be directed by the Governor-General, one hundred copies in Spanish to be furnished the Philippine Assembly, and the remainder to be distributed in the same manner as distribution was made of the message of the Governor-General delivered at the opening of the inaugural session of the First Philippine Legislature in accordance with Commission Resolution Numbered Two, adopted on October seventeenth, nineteen hundred and seven, or as may be directed by the Governor-General.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by the Chair,

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 968.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 6 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock antemeridian, Tuesday, October 17, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, October 16, 1911, was read, corrected, and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The following resolutions of the Assembly, passed during the first session of the Second Legislature and received by the Commission after its adjournment on February 3, 1911, were read for the information of the Commission:

Assembly Resolution No. 79. *Resolved*, That Commission Bill Numbered Eighty-five, entitled, "An Act making appropriations for public works," is, in the opinion of this House, an infringement of its sole and exclusive privilege of originating bills for taxation and appropriation, and that said bill be taken from the table and respectfully returned to the Philippine Commission with a message transmitting this resolution.

Assembly Resolution No. 81. *Resolved*, That Commission Bill Numbered Eighty-six, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending

June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and other designated periods," is, in the opinion of this House, an infringement of its sole and exclusive privilege of originating bills for taxation and appropriation, and that said bill be taken from the table and respectfully returned to the Philippine Commission with a message transmitting this resolution.

Assembly Resolution No. 82. *Resolved,* That Commission Bill Numbered Eighty-seven, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for sundry expenses of the University of the Philippines during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and for other purposes," is, in the opinion of this House, an infringement of its sole and exclusive privilege of originating bills for taxation and appropriation, and that said bill be taken from the table and respectfully returned to the Philippine Commission with a message transmitting this resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Araneta,

The resolutions were ordered filed.

REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES OF BILLS POSTPONED FROM THE FIRST SESSION.

Bills and resolutions of the first session of the present Legislature postponed for consideration at this session were then taken up and referred as follows:

Commission Bill No. 25. An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth, providing penalties for non-compliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Commission Bill No. 35. An Act to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government and to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

Assembly Bill No. 79. An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

Assembly Bill No. 140. An Act to amend section thirty-four of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act," by exempting the owners of large cattle over two years of age who voluntarily present the same for branding and registration from the penalty established in said Act, and repealing in such case section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Assembly Bill No. 145. An Act to amend section ten of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight

hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act," as amended by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and sixty-five, by reducing the charge for certificates of registration of large cattle.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Assembly Bill No. 521. An Act to provide for the establishment of a nautical school in the Philippine Islands.

Referred to a select committee composed of the members of the Committees on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, and on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14. Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight.

Referred to a select committee composed of the members of the Committees on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, and on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

The following bill and joint resolutions, postponed during the first session until the completion of the investigation then being conducted by the Congress of the United States with reference to the friar lands in the Philippine Islands, were referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior:

Assembly Bill No. 383. An Act amending various sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty which refers to the administration, temporary leasing and sale of certain haciendas and parcels of land, commonly known as Friar Lands, as amended, making applicable to said lands the limitations set forth in the Public Land Act with certain

exceptions, granting the lessees the right to be heard in the valuation of their land, providing for a form of administration, maintenance and improvement of irrigation systems on said lands, declaring certain lands used for public purposes by municipalities or provinces to be of the public domain of the municipalities or provinces wherein situated, prescribing the procedure for settling controversies among the lessees over the use of the waters of said systems, and for other purposes.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 12. Joint Resolution temporarily suspending the sale of the Friar Estates situate in certain municipalities.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13. Joint Resolution making Assembly Joint Resolution Numbered Twelve applicable to the La Piedad Estate, Caloocan, Rizal.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 15. Joint Resolution making Assembly Joint Resolution Numbered Twelve, entitled "Joint Resolution temporarily suspending the sale of the Friar Estates situate in certain municipalities," extensive to the tenants of the estate of Imus, Cavite.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary submitted a number of resolutions adopted by the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, held in December, 1910, and a number of other petitions on various subjects.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Secretary was directed to refer each resolution and petition to the committee having jurisdiction of its subject matter.

AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Commissioner Sumulong then moved that there be referred to the Committee on Rules for report and recommendation in accordance with Rule No. XXVIII, the advisability of adopting a rule authorizing the Secretary to refer to the proper committee immediately upon receipt thereof all petitions, memorials, and other communications

addressed to the Commission by provincial and municipal officials or bodies and private persons or associations.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elliott, and being put to a vote was unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED.

The Secretary then submitted an invitation from the chairman of the national committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples for participation by the Philippine Islands in the said proposed celebration.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 968–970.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Branagan, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, October 17, 1911, was read and approved.

TELEGRAM.

The Secretary read the following telegram for the information of the Commission:

MANILA, *October 16, 1911.*

SECWAR, *Washington.*

I have the honor to inform the President of the United States of America, through you, that a majority of both houses of the Philippine Legislature have to-day convened in regular session in Manila and are organized and ready for business.

FORBES.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

October 17, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 16, 1911, passed the following A. B. No. 601 in which it requests the concurrence of the Commis-

sion: An Act to prevent distress which may be caused by the excessively high price and probable shortage of rice in the Philippine Islands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 601 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

During the consideration of the bill in Committee of the Whole the Executive Secretary was present.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be referred to a select committee with instructions to report same back at to-morrow's session.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

The Chair then named Commissioners Araneta and Elliott as such committee.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 108. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fifty-two, entitled "An Act providing for examinations of banking institutions in the Philippine Islands, and for reports by their officers," as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and thirty-nine, by providing for the examination of banks every twelve months and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 108 was read the first time and ordered on file for second reading.

Commission Bill No. 109. An Act to correct an error in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as 'The Opium Act,' by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes."

Commission Bill No. 109 was read the first time and ordered on file for second reading.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY REGARDING GOVERNMENT STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

The Secretary then submitted the report rendered by the Director of Forestry on September 28, 1911, in accordance with section 2 of Act No. 2050 regarding the filling of Government scholarships in the School of Forestry and the standing of the students during the preceding year.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 970.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes antemeridian,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Thursday, October 19, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1911.

The Commission met present to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, October 18, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 236.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a petition from the provincial board of the Province of Occidental Negros asking for the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 93, amending the Internal Revenue Law, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission.

Assembly Bill No. 93, the enactment of which is petitioned for, was introduced in the Assembly by Delegate Guevarra, but the Commission has never been advised of its passage by that House. Your committee respectfully recommends that further consideration of the petition be deferred until a bill on the subject comes before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 601.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of Assembly Bill No. 601, and the Insular Auditor, Mr. William H. Phipps, was called in for the purpose of giving such information in connection therewith as the Commission might desire. Having obtained the desired information the following report of select committee was read:

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 237.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on October 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 601, entitled "An Act to prevent distress which may be caused by the excessively high price and probable shortage of rice in the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The Governor-General be, and hereby is, authorized to take such steps as in his judgment may be necessary and warranted by circumstances to prevent the price of rice from rising above a reasonable rate, and to supply, through provincial and municipal governments and such other agencies as may be most effective, such rice to the people at reasonable prices, and there is hereby appropriated from any funds not otherwise appropriated in the Insular Treasury, such sum or sums as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Act, not exceeding an amount equal to the customs dues paid on rice so purchased, and other expenses and liabilities necessarily and unavoidably incident to the execution of the purposes of this Act such expenses and liabilities not to exceed one hundred thousand pesos: *Provided*, That the rice to be purchased shall not exceed eighteen million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand kilograms (equivalent to three hundred thousand piculs): *And provided further*, That no surcharge shall be made by the Bureau of Supply on any transaction had under the provisions of this Act."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and the bill and the report were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be passed without amendment.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 601 was then read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Sumulong voting in the negative, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES.

Commissioner ARANETA. I voted "aye" because I am in favor of the general purpose of the bill. I should have preferred, however, to have it passed with the amendment proposed by the select committee.

Commissioner SUMULONG. I am in favor of the purpose for which the bill has been drawn, but I object to making an appropriation without fixing a limit on the amount of money that may be spent under it.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 108. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fifty-two, entitled "An Act providing for examinations of banking institutions in the Philippine Islands, and for reports by their officers," as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and thirty-nine, by providing for the examination of banks every twelve months and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 108 was read the second time by title only and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Commission Bill No. 109. An Act to correct an error in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as 'The Opium Act,' by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties

for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes."

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 109 was read the second time by title only and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 970, 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes postmeridian,

On motion,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Araneta (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal for Thursday, October 19, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 19, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 586), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila and fixing the powers and duties of the sugar chemist in charge thereof.

Very respectfully,

RAMON DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 586 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Commission Bill No. 108. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fifty-two, entitled "An Act providing for examinations of banking institutions in the Philippine Islands, and for reports by their officers," as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and thirty-nine, by providing for the examination of banks every twelve months and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 108 was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report was accepted.

By unanimous consent, the bill was read the third time by title only and put upon its passage.

The roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 109. An Act to correct an error in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as 'The Opium Act,' by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes."

Commission Bill No. 109 was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report was accepted.

By unanimous consent, the bill was read the third time by title only and put upon its passage.

The roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 238.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 26 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, petitioning that the sum of one

hundred thousand pesos be appropriated as a reward for the discovery of a cure for the cattle pest, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

There is no necessity at this time for the passage of a law covering the matters set forth herein. Your committee does not believe that a reward such as mentioned herein would to any considerable extent stimulate research work in other countries for the cure for animal disease, and in this country, of course, the Government itself is constantly studying the subject and availing itself of the studies made in other countries by means of the reports obtained therefrom. While it is true that a specific against cattle disease would be of incalculable benefit to the Islands, a private person who discovered such specific would be amply rewarded by the large profits he could make from its sale.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 239.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 46 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, petitioning that there be established an Agricultural School at Granja Modelo, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

The establishment of such schools as is mentioned herein is the proper function of the Bureau of Education, and it is not believed by your committee that the Legislature should appropriate moneys for the creation, establishment, or maintenance of individual schools.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 240.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 49 of the convention of municipal presidents, of Occidental Negros, recommending that persons desiring to open, teach, or manage a school be examined by a board appointed by the Director of Education, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

While much could be said for a law embodying the principles contained in this resolution, your committee does not recommend its passage at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 110. An Act defining habitual criminals and providing additional punishment for the same.

Commission Bill No. 110 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, and Sumulong.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), Commissioner Branagan (excused), and Commissioner Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal for Friday, October 20, 1911, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 111. An Act to amend section seven of Act Numbered Five hundred and thirty, entitled "An Act defining the jurisdiction of the civil and of the Military authorities over lands reserved by the President of the United States for Military purposes," by providing for the manner of making arrests and serving subpœnas on Military Reservations, or in camps or barracks.

Commission Bill No. 111 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 112. An Act to amend Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the "Philippine Customs Administrative Act," by including vessels within the provisions of sections three hundred and twenty-two and three hundred and twenty-three thereof, and by making it the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the city of Manila to prosecute violations of the customs laws.

Commission Bill No. 112 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business, particularly the report of the Secretary of Finance and Justice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

After consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, October 21, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 111. An Act to amend section seven of Act Numbered Five hundred and thirty, entitled "An Act defining the jurisdiction of the civil and of the military authorities over lands reserved by the President of the United States for military purposes," by providing for the manner of making arrests and serving subpœnas on military reservations, or in camps or barracks.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 111 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 112. An Act to amend Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the "Philippine Customs Administrative Act," by including vessels within the provisions of sections three hundred and twenty-two and three hundred and twenty-three thereof, and by making it the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the city of Manila to prosecute violations of the customs laws.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 112 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Palma moved to amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "in said city."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 241.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, a recommendation contained in the message of the Governor-General for the amendment of the Penal Code with reference to the penalty for falsification of a public document, the Supreme Court of the United States having declared the penalty at present inflicted cruel and unusual, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill, prepared in accordance therewith, be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following accompanying bill was then taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 113. An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties.

Commission Bill No. 113 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill was ordered on file for third reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 114. An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned.

Commission Bill No. 114 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 242.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 20, 1911, Commission Bill No. 110, entitled "An Act defining habitual criminals and providing additional punishment for the same," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, lines 11 to 15, inclusive, strike out the words "This additional punishment shall be imposed by the Court of First Instance which took cognizance of the last offense, or within whose jurisdiction the last offense was committed, or the Court of First Instance in the province wherein the prisoner was confined at the time the last conviction became final," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "This additional punishment shall be imposed by the Court of First

Instance in the province where the prisoner was confined as a result of his last conviction, or by the Court of First Instance which took cognizance of the last offense if at the time proceedings were started the prisoner was not in confinement."

This also disposes of the recommendation on this subject contained in the message of the Governor-General, referred to your committee on October 16, 1911.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Commission Bill No. 110 was then read the second time as amended and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 243.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 18, 1910, resolution No. 8 of the convention of municipal presidents of Tarlac, held in April, 1910, petitioning for the enactment of a law amending subsection (*j*) of section 43 of the Municipal Code by making the tax on carts with narrow tires and wheels rigid with the axles purely a municipal tax, or that the use of said carts be permitted on all improved provincial roads during the dry season, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

Attention is invited to the following extract from a letter of the Director of Public Works of December 3, 1910, on this subject:

"At two recent meetings of the Committee on Public Works I have been asked to recommend in regard to the use of improved roads by carts with wheels fixed to the axle and by sleds. I stated that the use of the road by narrow tired carts, or carts with wheels fixed to the axles, was so destructive that it could not be considered. In regard to the sleds, I stated that the damage was less, but from the point of view of road work it was inadvisable to permit their use, as such

use would increase the cost of the maintenance; that, as Director of Public Works, it was particularly my duty to point out this fact, but that the question was one of public policy to be determined whether the benefits to the people by such use would outweigh the increased cost to the public in maintaining the road. The use of narrow tires with fixed axles, however, was so destructive to the road that it would be practically impossible to maintain them if their use were permitted."

Your committee does not think that any change should be made in the present law.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 244.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 37 adopted by the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros asking for the amendment of subsection (*a*) of section 4 of Act No. 1691, so that third-class municipalities shall not expend in any calendar year for salaries and wages of municipal officers and employees over 75 per cent, and fourth-class municipalities over 80 per cent of their general funds, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be denied.

The request purposes to increase the amounts which may be expended in third and fourth class municipalities, and as such expenditures would decrease the funds set aside for public works, and the municipal presidents of Occidental Negros have given no reason for the amendment, your committee is of the opinion that the petition should be denied.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 245.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, as it is a matter affecting the revenue.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Tuesday, October 24, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, October 23, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 24, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 21, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 613), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing the office of provincial engineer, amending the Provincial Government Act and amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 613 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 110. An Act defining habitual criminals and providing additional punishment for the same.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 110 was read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 10, after the word "punishment" insert the word "therefor."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Palma moved the following amendment:

Strike out the word "additional" wherever it occurs before the word "punishment."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 11, after the word "punishment" insert the words "for the offense of being an habitual criminal."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 16, strike out the word "petition" and insert in lieu thereof the word "complaint."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendments:

Strike out the words "No appeal will lie from the decision of the Court imposing such additional punishment" in section 1, appearing in line 17 of page 1, and line 1 of page 2.

Section 4, page 2, line 22, strike out the words "for the purposes of this section;" and amend section 5 to read as follows:

SEC. 5. The court in imposing the punishment provided by this Act shall take into consideration the number of previous convictions, the nature of the offenses committed and the length of the terms of imprisonment to which he was sentenced."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 110 was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act creating the crime of habitual criminality and providing punishment for the same.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 113. An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 113 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 114. An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 114 was read the third time by title only, and after some consideration, further consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 246.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the message of the Governor-General

to the Legislature recommending the enactment of a law prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 115. An Act prohibiting slavery, involuntary servitude, peonage, and the sale or purchase of human beings in the Philippine Islands, and providing punishment therefor.

Commission Bill No. 115 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 247.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the Governor-General's message to the Legislature recommending the passage of an Act providing for the distribution between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of the percentage of gross earnings paid by public-service corporations in lieu of taxes, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 116. An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof.

Commission Bill No. 116 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock meridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Wednesday, October 25, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Branagan.

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Worcester and Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, October 24, 1911, was read and approved.

POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF C. B. NO. 114.

Commission Bill No. 114, entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date, consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 115. An Act prohibiting slavery, involuntary servitude, peonage, and the sale or purchase of human beings in the Philippine Islands, and providing punishment therefor.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 115 was read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to strike out section 5 in its entirety.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Palma, and, being put to a vote, was carried.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 115 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 116. An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 116 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Chair introduced the following resolutions for Commissioner Worcester:

Commission Resolution No. 75. Whereas the plan and survey of the exterior boundaries of land to be reserved as a town site at Bontoc, Mountain Province, was approved and said land was reserved by Resolution Number Twenty-nine of the Commission, dated June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and ten; and

Whereas a survey of a partial subdivision of the town site has been completed by the Bureau of Lands and plans approved by the Acting Director of Lands of lots numbered 1 to 27 inclusive and

blocks 1 to 9 inclusive, on February seventh, nineteen hundred and eleven; and,

Whereas several of the lots which have been surveyed are to be used for public purposes; and,

Whereas the said plan of partial subdivision is herewith submitted by the Director of Lands for approval: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Director of Lands be and the same hereby is approved as regards lots numbered from 1 to 27 inclusive and blocks 1 to 9 inclusive; and,

Resolved further, That lots 1 and 3 shall be and hereby are reserved for provincial purposes; that lot 2 shall be and hereby is reserved for school purposes; that lots 4 and 5 shall be and hereby are reserved for constabulary purposes; that lot 8 shall be and hereby is reserved for hospital purposes; that lot 9 shall be and hereby is reserved for cemetery purposes; that lot 10 shall be and hereby is reserved for provincial jail purposes; and

Resolved further, That lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 25 and blocks 1, 2 and 3 shall be and hereby are designated as business section, and that lots 6, 7, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 and blocks numbered from 4 to 9, inclusive, shall be and hereby are designated as residence section; and

Resolved further, That after the deduction of the cost of the survey made by the Bureau of Lands, two thousand and four hundred and eight pesos and eighty-three centavos, the proceeds of the sale of the above mentioned lots which are not reserved shall constitute a fund to be devoted to public improvements in or near the town site for the benefit of said town site.

The resolution was adopted.

Commission Resolution No. 76. Whereas it is desirable that a tract of land in the Dansalan Townsite, Moro Province, be reserved for constabulary purposes; and

Whereas a parcel of land suitable for such purposes was surveyed under authority of the Director of Lands in November, nineteen hundred and seven: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of section forty, Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, the following described lot or parcel of land, situated in the Dansalan Townsite, Moro Province, be and the same is hereby reserved for constabulary purposes:

Beginning at point marked 1 on plan, N. 89° 52′ E. 12.01 m. from monument No. 15, thence N. 44° 54′ E. 91.44 m. to point 2; S. 45° 06′ E. 201.16 m. to point 3; S. 44° 54′ W. 91.44 m. to point 4; N. 45° 06′ W. 201.16 m. to point 1, point of beginning.

Containing 18,394 square meters.

All points are marked by monuments.

Bounded on northeast, southeast, and northwest by lot No. 58, Dansalan town site; on southwest by Eighth Street.

Bearings true. Variation, 2° 10′ E.

Points referred to marked on plan In-57.

Surveyed November, nineteen hundred and seven. Approved by the Acting Director of Lands on August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

The resolution was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 248.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a communication from the provincial governor of Mindoro, inclosing copy of a petition passed by the convention of municipal presidents of that province for the restoration of the cedula tax in Mindoro, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The committee is of the opinion that it would be in the public interest to have the tax restored in these provinces, but that legislation to this end should originate in the lower House.

The cedula tax was abolished in Mindoro and Palawan on the recommendation of the Assemblymen of these provinces. The principal reason alleged was that taxes were higher in the special government provinces than in the regularly organized provinces. This was true. The ordinary man in the special government provinces formerly had to pay a two-peso public improvement tax and a one-peso cedula tax, together with a tax of one-half of 1 per cent on all his property in excess of ₱200 in value; whereas, in a regularly organized province, the ordinary individual has to pay only a two-peso cedula tax and a tax on his land. However, there is some reason in expecting the people in the special government provinces to pay more taxes as the Insular Government does more *for* them than for the people in the regularly organized provinces.

If the people of these provinces are willing to pay the one-peso cedula tax, they certainly should be given the opportunity to do so as the money is badly needed in order to provide funds for running the settlement and township governments.

A petition somewhat similar to this one has also been received from the people in the Province of Palawan.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Araneta moved that the report be received and that the matter be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed.

FRIAR LAND REPORT.

The Secretary then submitted for the information of the Commission the report of the Director of Lands on the administration of the friar lands estates for the quarter ending September 30, 1911.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Thursday, October 26, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Branagan.

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Worcester and Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, October 25, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 23, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 587) in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine known as the Internal Revenue Act and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers, merchants, and dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy or like domestic beverages from the internal revenue tax, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 587 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF C. B. NO. 114.

Commission Bill No. 114, entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date, consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

[Committee Report No. 249.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Rules, to which was referred on motion made by Commissioner Sumulong on October 18, requesting a recommendation from the Committee as to the advisability of adopting a rule authorizing the Secretary to refer to the proper committee, immediately upon receipt thereof, certain petitions, memorials, etc., has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That subsection (*b*) of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Philippine Commission be amended by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, however,* That petitions, memorials, and other communications, looking to the enactment of legislation, which are addressed to the Commission and the subject matter of which is clearly within the jurisdiction of a standing committee of the Commission, may be referred by the Secretary to the proper committee before presentation to the Commission. In the event of such reference the Secretary shall submit for approval at the next ensuing meeting of the Commission a list of petitions, and so forth, so referred, stating briefly the subject matter of the same and the committee to which referred."

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Committee on Rules.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was unanimously adopted.

FRIAR LANDS REPORT.

The Secretary submitted for the information of the Commission the report of the Director of Lands on the administration of the friar lands estates for the month of September, 1911.

Ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Commissioner Sumulong submitted to the Commission certain documents containing the plan of organization and by-laws of a proposed corporation to be known as "Credito Territorial de Filipinas."

Ordered referred to the Secretary of Finance and Justice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Branagan.

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Worcester and Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, October 26, 1911, was read and approved.

POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF C. B. NO. 114.

Commission Bill No. 114, entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities con-

cerned," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date, consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 117. An Act to amend section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-eight by providing that any Government property in any rented building be included as within the terms of said Act.

Commission Bill No. 117 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 118. An Act providing for the proof and acknowledgment of instruments without the Islands.

Commission Bill No. 118 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then submitted a resolution of the provincial board of Pangasinan, conveying to the Commission and the Assembly its greetings on the occasion of the opening of the second session of the Second Philippine Legislature.

Ordered acknowledged and filed.

REPORT.

The Secretary then submitted a communication from the Secretary of Public Instruction, transmitting to the Commission in accordance with Acts Nos. 1983 and 1984 report of the Director of Education regarding Government students authorized by said Acts as amended for the class of 1911–12.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester (after roll call), Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong (after roll call), Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, October 27, 1911, was read and approved.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 114 LAID ON THE TABLE.

Commission Bill No. 114, entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of

such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date, was,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

Laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 117. An Act to amend section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-eight by providing that any Government property in any rented building be included as within the terms of said Act.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 117 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 117 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 119. An Act prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter, exchange, pledge, loan, or giving away of the clothes, arms, ammunition, equipments, accouterments, stores, and other property furnished by the Government of the Philippine Islands to the Philippines Constabulary, and prescribing punishment for the unlawful sale and purchase and the theft of any such property.

Commission Bill No. 119 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Sumulong entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the bill.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then read a communication from Attorney Frederick Garfield Waite dated October 28, 1911, inclosing an open letter addressed to the Phillippine Legislature containing his legal opinion upon the subject of the constitutionality of certain laws heretofore passed by the Legislature and the legality of certain methods heretofore used

for withdrawing moneys for various uses from the public treasury.

Commissioner Worcester entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the communication.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, the communication was ordered filed.

REPORT OF CODE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary then read a report of the Code Committee on the work of the committee during the past year, submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 1941.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 971.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, October 28, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 28, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 26, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 634) in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the Governor-General of the Philippines, or the person acting legally in his stead, to postpone, reduce, remit and annul, or in any other manner compromise, in part or in whole, the confiscation and execution of bonds in criminal cases, and to order the return of moneys, or other personal property confiscated from private parties by the American military authorities during the revolution, under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMON DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 634 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

OCTOBER 28, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on October 27, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 648) in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMON DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 648 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Elliott as a select committee for report and recommendation.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE OF RECOMMENDATION OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL REGARDING USURY LAW.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, the recommendation contained in the Governor-General's message to the Legislature of October 16, 1911, for the enactment of a law on the subject of usury, heretofore referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, was recalled from said committee and its reference to Commissioner Elliott as a select committee for consideration in connection with Assembly Bill No. 648 was directed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 250.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a petition from the municipal council of the municipality of Sampaloc, Tayabas Province, asking for a general reassessment of all real estate in 1913, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that further consideration of the petition be deferred until the matter of taking a general census is taken up.

Your committee believes that a general assessment of property for taxation should be made not later than 1913, as petitioned for, but,

unless undertaken in connection with the taking of a general census, the next session of the Legislature can provide for it. If a census is to be taken, Special Agent R. M. Shearer recommends that the assessment of real property be made at the same time, "using the field organization of the Bureau of Education as a nucleus" for the force.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 251.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 132 of the provincial board of Occidental Negros adopted on December 29, 1910, and resolution No. 35 of the assembly of municipal presidents of the Province of Occidental Negros adopted on January 5, 1911, praying for the passage of a special Act punishing cattle theft, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the matter be laid on the table.

The object of this recommendation is the passage of a law to provide that justice of the peace courts shall have jurisdiction in cases of theft of work animals where the value of the animal or animals stolen does not exceed 6,250 pesetas.

In the opinion of the undersigned no good reason exists for the passage of the proposed Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 77. *Resolved*, That that portion of Commission Resolution Numbered Fifty-one of December eighth, nineteen hundred and ten, providing for the distribution of the re-

print of the handbook entitled "Philippine Commission, Legislative Procedure," is hereby repealed and the following distribution directed:

To the Governor-General (two copies),
Other members of the Commission (two copies each),
Speaker of the Assembly (one copy),
Members of the Assembly (one copy each),
Resident Commissioners (one copy each),
Secretary of the Commission (three copies),
Secretary of the Assembly (three copies),
Private secretaries to Commissioners (one copy each),
Executive Secretary (six copies);

and,

Resolved further, That copies remaining after the foregoing distribution has been made may be sold or distributed free in the discretion of the Secretary of Public Instruction in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and sixty.

The resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 120. An Act to amend section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Province of Batanes; to amend paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine in certain particulars; to authorize the provincial board of the Province of Batanes, with the approval of the Governor-General, to extend the time for the payment without penalty of taxes and licenses; to amend section five of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled 'The Election Law,' by increasing the number of delegates to the Philippine Assembly to eighty-one, and for other purposes," by providing for a provincial fiscal for the Province of Batanes.

Commission Bill No. 120 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in Committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes antemeridian,

On motion,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Tuesday, October 31, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, October 30, 1911 was read and approved.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 120. An Act to amend section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Province of Batanes; to amend paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine in certain particulars; to authorize the provincial board of the Province of Batanes, with the approval of the Governor-General, to extend the time for the payment without penalty of taxes and licenses; to amend section five of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled 'The Election Law,' by increasing the number of delegates to the Philippine Assembly to eighty-one, and for other purposes," by providing for a provincial fiscal for the Province of Batanes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 120 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by adding the words "and for other purposes."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 121. An Act to amend section ninety-one of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine as amended, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by increasing the percentage of alcohol that wine may contain and still be subject to the lower tax rate per gauge liter.

Commission Bill No. 121 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 122. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor-General to specify by executive order the kinds of native wines or liquors which shall be subject to the prohibitions contained in sections nine and twenty-four of Act Numbered Fifty-nine, entitled 'The Manila Liquor Licenses Act,' Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Cavite, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,' and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Zambales, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,'" by defining the words "native wines or liquors" and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 122 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber during the consideration of the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Wednesday, November 1, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, and Branagan.

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Worcester and Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, October 31, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 121. An Act to amend section ninety-one of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine as amended, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by increasing the percentage of alcohol that wine may contain and still be subject to the lower tax rate per gauge liter.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 121 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 122. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor-General to specify by executive order the kinds of native

wines or liquors which shall be subject to the prohibitions contained in sections nine and twenty-four of Act Numbered Fifty-nine, entitled 'The Manila Liquor Licenses Act,' Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Cavite, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,' and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Zambales, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,'" by defining the words "native wines or liquors" and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 122 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill, for the President:

Commission Bill No. 123. An Act to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three, by extending the leave and other privileges of the Revised Civil Service Act to officers and employees of the city of Baguio.

Commission Bill No. 123 was read the first time, and referred to Commissioner Gilbert as a select committee for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 252.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 41 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, relative to the importation of Chinese laborers for limited periods, has examined the same and

has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

Your committee thinks it inadvisable to take any action on this matter at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Thursday, November 2, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, November 1, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 1, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 620), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos for providing the public schools with copies of an adequate biography of Doctor José Rizal.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

Assembly Bill No. 620 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the bill.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 253.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a petition regarding the cedula tax in the provinces of Mindoro and Palawan, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior has transmitted a somewhat similar petition from the inhabitants of Mindoro, with an expression of opinion to the effect that if the people of Mindoro are willing to pay the additional taxes they should be given the opportunity to do so, but as the agitation for a reduction of taxes in Mindoro and Palawan was first voiced in the lower House, it would, in the opinion of the undersigned, be well for any amendatory legislation deemed necessary to originate there.

Your committee recommends specifically that the request embodied in paragraph one of the inclosed petition be denied. The necessity for the establishment of means of communication in the Province of Palawan is very great. The funds accruing and available for this purpose under the present arrangement are extremely inadequate and should not be reduced; that the request embodied in paragraph two be denied for the same reason; and that the request in paragraph three be complied with by reimposing the cedula tax.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, the report was received and laid on the table.

[Committee Report No. 254.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a resolution of the provincial board of Ilocos Sur, No. 181, petitioning that homestead applications be referred to the municipal council of the municipality wherein the land is situated for their report regarding claims to the land, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

Your committee has the honor to invite attention to the accom-

panying indorsement of the Director of Lands and to the recommended disapproval of this request. It is not apparent to your committee that the desired result could be obtained by the passing of a concurrent resolution of both Houses of the Philippine Legislature, and in the opinion of your committee, it would not be wise in any event to impose the suggested regulation for the reason that the attitude in many instances adopted toward homesteaders by municipal officials has been such as to render the statement of such officials relative to homestead applications, open to doubt.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The indorsement of the Director of Lands, referred to in the foregoing report, is as follows:

The attached resolution apparently gives good and sufficient reasons why same should be favorably considered by the Legislature, but the experience of the Bureau of Lands has been to the effect that under no circumstances should the municipalities be given any power of intervention in the matter of the administration of the public lands of the Philippine Islands. Many municipal officials are land owners, and it is to their interest to see that their lands are worked by the poorer classes, and nearly every homestead application means a deduction of at least one person from the available labor of these officials. The Bureau has specific cases from the Province of Ilocos Sur. One of these came from the municipality of San Esteban. Voluminous protests were sent in by the municipal council against the homestead application. Some of these protests were sent to the Bureau of Lands, others to the Secretary of the Interior. Investigations were made, and even the provincial governor was drawn into the opposition. The protests were on the ground that, first, the land had been occupied for a long period of years; second, to allow it to be taken up under a homestead would deprive many people of necessary water to irrigate their farms. Investigation showed that there was not a shadow of foundation for any protest. The land was not occupied, never had been, and there was not sufficient water to irrigate the homestead, much less to irrigate any other land. Numerous investigations have been made in Ilocos Sur relative to protests filed on the ground that the claimants held possessory information. In the majority of these cases not only is it impossible to locate the land from the description contained in the documents, but even the claimants themselves cannot identify the land supposed to be covered by their titles. In every case where a claimant can identify his

land his rights have been preserved. There is no necessity for any law suits because when a claimant can make any reasonable showing as to rights of possession he can perfect his title in the Court of Land Registration; and if he has not the means to do that, he has the right to homestead. Section 70 of the Public Land Act very fully covers the matter of the administration of the public lands. Any complaints presented to the Bureau of Lands will always receive a full and fair hearing without advice from municipal councils.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 255.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the Governor-General's message to the Legislature recommending that provision be made for a general survey, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following bill accompanying same was taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 124. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 124 was read the first and second times by title only and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 125. An Act making it unlawful, without authority from the Director of Navigation, to establish, erect, or maintain in the navigable waters of the Philippine Islands, any light

as an aid to navigation or any other aid to navigation similar to any of those maintained by the Bureau of Navigation, and providing a penalty therefor.

Commission Bill No. 125 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 126. An Act to amend section eleven of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of a commissioned and enlisted service within the Bureau of Navigation, the creation of a pension fund in connection therewith, and for the punishment of offenses against good order and discipline within such service," by authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police, with the approval of the Governor-General, to designate any commissioned officer to act as summary court officer.

Commission Bill No. 126 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

RESOLUTION.

The Chair introduced the following resolution, for Commissioner Worcester:

Commission Resolution No. 78. Whereas the municipality of Jolo has requested that a tract of land in the Jolo town site be reserved for school purposes; and

Whereas the Director of Lands has furnished a description of the tract of land desired to be reserved: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of section forty of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six the following-described lot or parcel of land situated in the Jolo town site, Moro Province, be, and the same is hereby, reserved for municipal school purposes:

Beginning at point marked 1 on plan, S. 89° 25′ E. 83.63 m. from monument No. 25, thence S. 4° 41′ W. 113.58 m. to point 2; N. 43°

00′ W. 67.86 m. to point 3; N. 41° 08′ E. 84.4 m. to point 1, point of beginning.

Containing 2,849 square meters.

Points 1, 2, and 3 are monuments Nos. 34, 36, and 35, respectively.

Bounded on east by Calle Scott; on southwest by Calle without name; on northwest by Calle Muralla.

Bearings true. Variation, 2° 7′ E.

Points referred to marked on plan Ts-8.

Surveyed, September–October, 1908. Approved, November 30, 1908.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, the resolution was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business, particularly the report of the Secretary of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Sumulong,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Friday, November 3, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, Branagan (after roll call), and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, November 2, 1911, was read and approved.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber at this point.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 1, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 577), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five, by providing that residents of the Provinces of Mindoro, Palawan, and Batanes, organized under "The Special Provincial Government Act," Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, shall be exempt from the payment of the tax established by section nineteen of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, but subject to the payment of the double cedula tax, and repealing section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five and all Acts in conflict with this Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMON DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 577 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 124. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles.

Commission Bill No. 124 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Insert between present sections 2 and 3 the following new section: "Sections one and two shall not be applicable in cases where before this law takes effect the Bureau of Lands has surveyed or begun the survey of any land or lands title to which the public interests require to be settled and adjudicated," and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 124 was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 125. An Act making it unlawful without authority from the Director of Navigation, to establish, erect or maintain in the navigable waters of the Philippine Islands, any light as an aid to navigation or any other aid to navigation similar to any of those maintained by the Bureau of Navigation, and providing a penalty therefor.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 125 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 126. An Act to amend section eleven of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of a commissioned and enlisted service within the Bureau of Navigation, the creation of a pension fund in connection

therewith, and for the punishment of offenses against good order and discipline within such service," by authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police, with the approval of the Governor-General, to designate any commissioned officer to act as summary court officer.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 126 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 256.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on November 1, 1911, Commission Bill No. 123, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three, by extending the leave and other privileges of the revised Civil Service Act to officers and employees of the city of Baguio," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the bill ordered on file for second reading.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 257.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 620, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos for providing the public schools with copies of an adequate biography of Doctor José Rizal," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be amended by inserting the following in line 3 after

the word appropriated: "to be available at the beginning of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and," and when so amended the bill be passed.

Very respectfully,

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Branagan entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the report.

The report was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 620 was then read the second time by title only and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 6, strike out the word "Doctor" and on page 2, line 12, insert the word "José" before the word "Rizal."

Strike out section 2 in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Assembly Bill No. 620 was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title by striking out the word "Doctor."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 258.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on October 30, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Insert between the present sections 4 and 5 the following new section:

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed as in any way affecting any contract heretofore or hereafter made, whereby one of the parties thereto has advanced, or may advance money to be used in business or other ventures, mutually determined upon, and whereby the other party thereto, the one receiving such money, has refunded, or agrees to refund the same, with interest thereon as stipulated (provided such interest does not exceed a lawful rate) and in addition thereto has shared, or agrees to share equally or otherwise, with the party so advancing the money, the profits, if any there were or may be, of the business or other ventures carried on, or undertaken in whole or in part with such money."

Insert between the present sections 5 and 6 the following new section:

"None of the provisions of this Act shall apply to the business of building and loan associations or to the business of duly licensed pawnbrokers."

Renumber sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the bill ordered on file for second reading.

[Committee Report No. 259.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 23, 1911, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the report on this resolution, copy of which is attached, rendered by your committee during the first session of the present Legislature and laid on the table pending further study of the hemp situation, be taken up and considered.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and consideration of Committee Report No. 149 referred to therein postponed.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

MANILA, *October 14, 1911.*

MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit the following report, covering the work performed by the Joint Committee from March eleventh of the present year, the date of its organization, to the 14th of this month, the date on which the Committee held its last session.

The following matters were acted upon by the committee during the period mentioned:

TYPHOONS.

Indorsement by Special Agent Shearer, transmitting a resolution of the municipal council of Llorente, Samar, petitioning the Governor-General to furnish to said municipality, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 495, one thousand sacks of rice, for the reason that the inhabitants lack food as a consequence of the typhoon that occurred there on October 31, 1910. Denied by the committee.

Resolution of the provincial board of Rizal, transmitting a resolution of the municipal council of Navotas, of July 25, 1911, petitioning for relief in the sum of ₱3,000 for the sufferers from the last typhoon. The committee resolved to lay it on the table.

CHOLERA.

Communication from Delegate Brimbuela, requesting relief in the sum of ₱300 for the maintenance of the persons under quarantine on Catanduanes Island, on account of the cholera prevailing there. The committee resolved to lay it on the table.

ERUPTION.

Communication from Delegate Tirona, forwarding, with recommendation of favorable consideration, resolution No. 21 of the municipal council of Alfonso, Cavite, requesting relief for the sufferers from the eruption of Taal Volcano. The committee resolved to forward the papers to Colonel Rivers, chairman of the relief committee created for this purpose.

FAMINE.

Resolution of the provincial board of Capiz, forwarding resolutions Nos. 31 and 34 of the municipal council of Jamindan, requesting relief in the sum of ₱500 to stay the famine suffered by many of the inhabitants as a consequence of the destruction caused by the last typhoon which visited that municipality. The committee resolved to lay this petition on the table.

Indorsement by the provincial governor of Cebu, forwarding resolution No. 46 of the municipal council of Pilar, Cebu, recommending the petition for relief of the tenientes de barrio, to alleviate the critical situation of the barrios which lack means of subsistence. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Resolution of the provincial board of Misamis, forwarding, with favorable recommendation, a resolution of the municipal council of Mambajao, in said province, requesting 500 sacks of rice, in the nature of relief, for distribution to the poor of said municipality, in view of the excessively high price of that staple. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Communication from the municipal secretary of San Isidro, Nueva Ecija, forwarding a resolution of the municipal council of said municipality to the committee, through the Honorable Isauro Gabaldon, asking for relief in the shape of 500 cavans of rice, to be distributed, in exchange for labor on public works, among the poor who are threatened by famine, in view of the loss of over 25 per cent of the last rice crop, through lack of water. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Resolution of the municipal council of Pulilan, Bulacan, asking the Joint Committee for a sufficient sum to import rice, for sale at cost, until the first days of the next crop, to the provinces and municipalities. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Resolution of the municipal council of Bulan, Sorsogon, petitioning that certain municipalities of said province be furnished with rice, on account of the excessively high price of that staple. The committee resolved to refer this matter to the Rice Committee.

FIRE.

Resolution of the Joint Committee, allotting ₱2,000 to each of the districts of Tondo and Pandacan, for distribution, as relief, to the sufferers from the recent fires in said districts, in the discretion of the Municipal Board.

Communication from Delegate Ilagan, forwarding, with favorable recommendation, resolution No. 70 of the provincial board of Tarlac, requesting the sum of ₱6,000 which, together with the sum appropriated for this purpose by the said board, is to be expended for the purchase of rice, bamboo, and nipa, to be distributed among the poor

who suffered from the fire that occurred in said province on January 29, 1911. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Communication from the provincial board of Iloilo, forwarding, without recommendation, resolution No. 14 of the convention of municipal presidents of said province, requesting a sufficient sum for the relief of the sufferers from the fire that occurred on December 17, 1910, in the municipality of San Joaquin, Iloilo. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Communication from Delegate Apacible, forwarding, with favorable recommendation, a resolution of the municipal council of Balayan, Batangas, requesting the sum of ₱2,000 as relief, for the sufferers from the fire that occurred in the barrio of Canlurangbayan, of said province on April 2, 1911. The committee resolved to grant ₱300.

Verbal petition of Delegate Gabaldon, asking for relief for the sufferers from the recent fire in the municipality of Licab, Nueva Ecija. The committee resolved to grant ₱300.

Resolution of the municipal council of Olongapo, Zambales, forwarded by the provincial board of said province, asking for the sum of ₱1,000 as relief for the sufferers from the fire which occurred in said municipality on March fifth of the present year. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

Telegram from the provincial governor of Isabela, requesting the sum of ₱3,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the recent fire in the municipality of Ilagan, of said province. The committee resolved to deny this petition.

Resolution of the municipal council of Bantay, Ilocos Sur, asking for relief for the eighteen families who suffered from the fire which occurred in the barrio of Aggay, of said municipality, on May 2, 1911. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

INUNDATION.

Communication from Special Agent Shearer, transmitting a telegram from the provincial treasurer of Bulacan, stating that the provincial board of said province requests authority to expend the balance of the ₱400 allotted by the committee for the extermination of locusts, for relieving the famine sufferers. The committee resolved to grant this authority.

Resolution No. 63 of the municipal council of Cauayan, Ilocos Sur, requesting relief for the sufferers from the last inundation in that municipality. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

LOCUSTS.

Communication from Delegate Samson, transmitting, with favorable recommendation, the following telegram: "Delegate Samson, Manila. Proboard requests you to secure another relief one thousand pesos for work extermination locusts. Previous allotment already

expended. Nothing remains Oas, Polangui, Libon invading large area destroying much mature rice. Progov. will send details by mail. Ramos." The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

RATS.

Indorsement from Special Agent Shearer, forwarding a resolution of the provincial board of Ambos Camarines, recommending favorable consideration of resolution of municipal council of San José, in said province, requesting the sum of ₱500 for the extermination of the rats which cause much destruction to the crops. The committee resolved to lay this matter on the table.

MATTERS FORWARDED BY THE SPEAKER.

Telegram from the Speaker of the Assembly, recommending that the Joint Committee study Assembly Bill No. 305, entitled "An Act reëstablishing the office of provincial engineer, amending the Provincial Government Act and its amendments." The committee resolved to refer the same to the subcommittee on Commerce and Police, upon the definitive approval of the designation of subcommittees.[1]

OTHER MATTERS.

Resolution of the provincial board of Palawan, requesting a certain sum from the calamity funds for the purchase of 300 sacks of rice to be distributed among certain Moros who are about to remove from one point of the province to another where they can be more under control, for the security of the peace and safety of the Christian inhabitants. The committee resolved to deny this request.

Communication from the provincial treasurer of Tayabas, asking for information as to whether certain work authorized by the provincial board can be paid for with the balance of the funds appropriated by the committee as relief for the sufferers from the inundation that occurred in said municipality. The committee resolved to request the immediate return of said balance to the Insular Treasury, to the credit of the committee.

Resolution of the provincial board of Tayabas, forwarding a communication from the municipal president of Baler, stating that the provincial treasurer has returned the pay roll of the laborers on the Baler–Pantabangan Road, with the information that the ₱613 remaining over from the ₱1,000 donated to said municipality had already been returned to the Insular Treasury, by request of the committee, wherefore the board asks that said sum be again made available for the payment of the laborers, without prejudice to the refund of the balance thereof. The committee resolved to grant this request.

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[1] No action has been taken on this subject, the designation of subcommittees not having been definitively approved.

Communication from the municipal president of Sampaloc, Tayabas, forwarding a resolution of the municipal council of said municipality, requesting that the Joint Committee secure from the Philippine Legislature the passage of an Act authorizing a reassessment of real estate for 1912. The committee resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to both Houses.

RECAPITULATION.

Relief granted for fire sufferers:		
To the District of Tondo, Manila		₱2,000.00
To the District of Pandacan, Manila		2,000.00
To the municipality of Balayan, Batangas		300.00
To the municipality of Licab, Nueva Ecija		300.00
Relief, miscellaneous: Return to the municipality of Baler of the balance returned to the Insular Treasury		613.00
Total		5,213.00
On hand March 11, 1911, the date of the organization of the committee	₱10,123.78	
Balance returned on May 25, 1911	613.00	
Total		10,736.78
Balance on hand		5,523.78

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Chairman, Joint Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian on Saturday, November 4, 1911.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1911.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Luzuriaga (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, November 3, 1911, was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then went into executive session for the purpose of perfecting its annual report to the Secretary of War for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

At 12 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1911.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian at the call of the Chair.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, November 4, 1911, was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then went into executive session to continue work on its annual report to the Secretary of War for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

Having completed the annual report, the Commission returned to regular session.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

Commission Bill No. 123. An Act to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three, by extending the leave and other privileges of the Revised Civil Service Act to officers and employees of the city of Baguio.

Commission Bill No. 123 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by inserting before the word "officers" in the third line the words "all regularly and permanently appointed."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Branagan then moved to amend the title by adding after the words "Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three" the words "entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Baguio, and for other purposes.' "

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 123 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes.

Assembly Bill No. 648. An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 648 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 1 to 5, strike out the words "Interest for any legal indebtedness shall be at the rate of six per centum per annum, unless a different rate not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is contracted for in writing as provided by article eleven hundred and eight of the Civil Code" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Interest for any legal indebtedness shall be at the rate of six per centum per annum as provided by article eleven hundred

and eight of the Civil Code, unless a different rate not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is contracted for in writing."

Section 7, page 3, amend to read as follows: "None of the provisions of this Act shall apply to the business of duly licensed pawnbrokers or to loans made by building and loan associations to their own stockholders."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

Commissioner Gilbert then moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for the time being, and that the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice be requested to prepare and bring in a bill for the regulation of the business of pawnbrokers.

The motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, November 6, 1911, was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then went into executive session for the purpose of hearing read the final draft of its report to the Secretary of War for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

The report having been approved and signed, the Commission returned to regular session.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER, 6, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 6, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 668), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that the annual tax on the assessed

value of the real estate of the city of Manila for the year nineteen hundred and twelve shall be one per centum thereof.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 668 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue for report and recommendation.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 149 REQUESTING CONGRESS TO REDUCE THE EXPORT DUTY ON HEMP.

The following report, laid on the table on January 30, 1911, and now taken up for consideration in accordance with Report No. 259 of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, adopted by the Commission on November 3, 1911, was read:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 149.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 5, 1911, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section 13 of an Act of Congress passed August 5, 1909, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to 5 cents for each 100 kilos gross weight, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution in the following form be adopted:

"Whereas abacá is the chief agricultural product of the Philippine Islands; and

"Whereas there has been a steady decline in the price of all classes of abacá during the past four years to such an extent that the price now received for this product is but little more than half that received four years ago, leaving very little profit for the producers; and

"Whereas it is the sense of the Philippine Legislature that the export duty of seventy-five cents per hundred kilos on abacá as compared with the export duty on copra and sugar is excessive; and

"Whereas a reduction of the export duty on abacá would unquestionably have the effect of bringing about a better price for this commodity; and

"Whereas the loss in revenue which would result from such re-

duction would be amply compensated by the increased prosperity necessarily following the increased price received for abacá: Now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved by the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly,* That the Congress of the United States be requested, as it is hereby requested, through the Resident Commissioners in Washington, to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so that the sum of five cents be collected as an export duty upon each one hundred kilos of abacá exported from the Philippines to any foreign country whatsoever.

"*Resolved, further,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Resident Commissioners so that the matter of the amendment herein requested may be promptly taken up by them."

Your committee, in making this recommendation, does not lose sight of the fact that the proposed reduction would cause a falling off in the revenues of the Insular Government. The net amount of export duty collected on abacá during the fiscal year 1910 amounted to $383,979. Had the export duty been 5 cents per hundred kilos the net amount collected would have been $25,598, a reduction of $358,381. Notwithstanding this we do not hesitate to recommend the reduction of this export duty, as it is in fact excessive as compared with the duty paid on copra and sugar.

During the fiscal year 1910 the average price per ton of hemp exported was $102, of copra $78, and of sugar $55, while the export duty on copra and sugar is only 10 and 5 cents per hundred kilos, respectively. There appear no grounds whatever for so great a discrimination against abacá. The loss in revenue would be sufficiently compensated by the better price that would be obtained for this commodity. The decreased price for abacá is largely owing to the competition of Mexican sisal, which not only does not pay any export duty but, as we are informed, receives an export bounty.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14 was read the second time and together with the report thereon referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Pending further consideration of the matter,

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Branagan (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Worcester and Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, November 7, 1911, was read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—A. J. R. NO. 14 IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight," pending in Committee of the Whole,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

Further consideration in Committee of the Whole was postponed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 260.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, in accordance with Rule XVI (*b*), Rules of the

Commission, a petition of Honorio Puruganan of Dingras, Ilocos Norte, requesting favorable action on the divorce bill now pending in the Assembly, or in case the Commission cannot see its way clear to approve a general law on the subject that a special law be passed in his case, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table:

The general divorce law referred to is not before the Commission, not having yet been received from the Assembly, and your committee cannot see its way clear to recommend the passage of a special law in this case.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Branagan entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the report.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 261.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, in accordance with Rule XVI (*b*), Rules of the Commission, numerous protests against the divorce bill now pending in the Assembly, including one signed by the apostolic delegate, the Archbishop of Manila, and all the bishops of the Catholic Church present in the Philippine Islands, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That these papers be filed for consideration when the bill referred to is received from the Assembly, and that any others of a similar nature received in the meantime be treated in the same manner.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 262.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on

November 3, 1911, a resolution of the provincial board of Occidental Negros expressing their approval of the Padilla Bill, providing for the issuance of cedulas free of charge for cedulas lost or destroyed, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be laid on the table.

The bill referred to is apparently Assembly Bill No. 84, first session Second Philippine Legislature, which was referred to your committee on December 27, 1910, and reported with the recommendation that it be laid on the table. (Report No. 120, p. 396, Journal No. 4.) Your committee now recommends the same disposition of this resolution as it recommended for Assembly Bill No. 84 for the reason stated in its report on that bill, to which reference is hereby made.

A similar Assembly Bill, No. 532, was also introduced in the second session of the First Philippine Legislature and was disposed of in like manner.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 263.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, in accordance with Rule XVI (*b*), Rules of the Commission, resolution of the convention of municipal presidents of Rizal held during August, 1911, recommending that the firearms of the municipal police be guaranteed by the property of the municipality instead of by the personal bonds of the members of the council, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

The attention of the Commission is invited to the report of this committee on a similar petition during the first session of the present Legislature, to be found on page 687 of Journal No. 4 as published.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 264.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, in accordance with Rule XVI (*b*), Rules of the Commission, resolution of the convention of municipal presidents of Rizal held during August, 1911, recommending the reorganization of the municipal police, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

In the opinion of your committee the change recommended by the municipal presidents of Rizal is not desirable.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 265.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 18, 1910, resolution No. 24 of the convention of municipal presidents of Capiz, adopted July 27, 1910, requesting that an Act be passed extending the powers of the provincial boards so that they may expend as high as ₱2,000 for public works without necessity of any intervention on the part of the Bureau of Public Works or any of the branches thereof, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

The present system of assigning engineers which is in force in the Bureau of the Public Works, the method of payment which has been adopted and the accounting instructions issued by the Insular Auditor in Circular No. 202 has, in the opinion of your committee, resulted in a condition which makes it no longer necessary to consider the request contained herein. Your committee is of the further opinion that there is not at the present time any necessity whatever for amending Act No. 1401 as amended by Act No. 1752.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The matter was recommitted to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for consideration and report in connection with Assembly Bill No. 613, entitled "An Act establishing the office of provincial engineer, amending the Provincial Government Act and amendments thereto," now with said committee for report and recommendation.

[Committee Report No. 266.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, resolution passed by the convention of municipal presidents, Province of Rizal, recommending that prisoners sentenced for offenses triable by justice of the peace courts shall serve sentences in the municipal jails, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this petition be laid upon the table, reference being had to report No. 49 of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, submitted to the Commission on October 26, 1910,[1] wherein it was recommended that a petition similar to this one be laid upon the table.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then read a communication signed by Tomás Emboscado and sixty-three others, residents of San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, protesting against the appointment of Nazario Cando as justice of the peace of that municipality, and giving certain facts concerning his previous record.

Referred to the Secretary of Finance and Justice.

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[1] See pp. 184, 185, Journal of the Commission, No. 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1911.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian at the call of the Chair.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, November 8, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 267.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on November 3, 1911, a resolution adopted by a convention of municipal presidents of the Province of Occidental Negros on December 29, 1910, expressing their approval of the "Apacible Bill," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The bill referred to is apparently Assembly Bill No. 75, first session Second Philippine Legislature, which was referred to your committee on December 16, 1910, and reported back with the recommendation that it be laid on the table. (Report No. 117, 4 Journal, 391.) Your committee now recommends the same disposition of this resolution as it recommended for Assembly Bill No. 75,

for the reasons stated in its report on that bill, to which reference is hereby made.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 268.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on November 3, 1911, resolution No. 51 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That these several petitions be laid upon the table.

The official flag of the Philippine Islands is the flag of the United States, and it is believed that this is the only flag which should be used in the schools.

It is not believed by your committee that there is sufficient need for an institute of Philippine languages to justify the Government in making any considerable expenditure therefor at this time.

Your committee is under the impression that the Government once before endeavored to sell carabaos to planters, and that the scheme did not meet with success. Your committee is of opinion that there is no present necessity for the undertaking of the buying and selling of carabaos to farmers. The chances of great loss of money in connection with any such project are large. The Islands are gradually becoming restocked through natural channels.

Courtesy and good breeding are already strongly emphasized in the public schools, and there appears to be no necessity for a law making it obligatory to teach polite manners.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 269.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the Governor-General's message to the Legislature of October 16, 1911, recommending legislation for the control of labor, and penalizing the failure to fulfill contracts for the performance of labor for which money has been advanced, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following comment, viz:

It is recognized that legislation along the lines suggested is very desirable, but unfortunately it has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Bailey *vs.* the State of Alabama, 219 U. S., 219 (1910), that although a statute in terms be to punish fraud, if its natural and inevitable purpose is to punish for failure to perform contracts of labor, thus compelling such performance, it violates the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is therefore unconstitutional.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bills:

Commission Bill No. 127. An Act providing that the sum of ten thousand pesos set aside in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan for part of the expenses of the Philippines Carnival be repaid to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three.

Commission Bill No. 127 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 128. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "The Corporation Law."

Commission Bill No. 128 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commission Bill No. 129. An Act expressly conferring upon, and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personal and the internal operations of the Court; and authorizing the Court to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual "court vacation;" and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases.

Commission Bill No. 129 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 270.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 26, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 587, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Act, and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in, tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass in the following form:

"SECTION 1. Paragraph one of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four,' as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'1. Every brewer shall pay two hundred pesos. Every person who manufactures fermented liquors of any description for sale or delivery to others, except small manufacturers of tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors, shall be deemed a brewer. Manufacturers whose daily production does not exceed one hundred liters

of tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors, shall be considered small manufacturers.'

"SEC. 2. Paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of said Act, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'7. Every retail dealer in fermented liquors shall pay forty pesos. Every person who for himself or on commission sells or offers for sale foreign or domestic fermented liquors in quantities of two decaliters or less at any one time shall be regarded as a retail dealer in fermented liquors, and the payment of a license tax as a wholesale or retail liquor dealer or the payment of any other license tax shall not relieve any person who sells fermented liquors from the payment of the license tax imposed in this paragraph: *Provided*, That every retail dealer in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors shall pay twenty pesos.'

"SEC. 3. Paragraph eight of section sixty-eight of said Act, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'8. Every wholesale dealer in fermented liquors shall pay sixty pesos. Every person who for himself or on commission sells or offers for sale foreign or domestic fermented liquors in larger quantities than two decaliters at any one time shall be regarded as a wholesale dealer in fermented liquors: *Provided*, That no brewer who has given the required bond and paid the license tax imposed in paragraph one of this section, and who sells only fermented liquors of his own production in the original packages at the place of manufacture, shall be required to pay the license tax imposed in this paragraph on account of such sales. Every person who sells or offers to sell, for himself or on commission, foreign or domestic distilled spirits, or wines, or fermented liquors other than tuba, bassi, tapuy or like domestic fermented liquors to other persons for the purpose of resale, shall likewise be deemed to be a wholesale liquor dealer or wholesale dealer in fermented liquors, as the case may be, irrespective of the quantities of such distilled spirits, wines or fermented liquors sold at one time.'

"SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 587 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending paragraphs one, seven, and eight of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," as amended, by defining small manufactures of tuba, bassi, tapuy or like domestic fermented liquors, by imposing an annual license tax on retail dealers in such liquors, and by amending the definition of wholesale dealers in such liquors.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendments of the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 235 ON REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE MORO PROVINCE FOR REPEAL OF ACT NO. 2072.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The following committee report, consideration of which was postponed on September 26, 1911, was taken up:

[Committee Report No. 235.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred the resolution of the legislative council of the Moro Province, adopted August 29, 1911, petitioning for the repeal of Act No. 2072, of the Philippine Commission, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace in the Moro Province to try persons charged with infraction of municipal ordinances," has examined the same and has the honor to

report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

The statement that the exercise of the powers of justices of the peace by municipal presidents accords with the prevailing practice in the United States is erroneous, as the practice now is to more completely separate the discharge of executive and judicial duties. The standard of justices of the peace is being rapidly bettered, and there appears no reason why as competent men cannot be found for justices of the peace as for municipal presidents.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, November 9, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 9, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on November 9, 1911, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 620 (A. B. No. 620), entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos for providing the public schools with copies of an adequate biography of Doctor José Rizal."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Comission Bill No. 127. An Act providing that the sum of ten thousand pesos set aside in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan for part of the expenses of the Philippine Carnival be repaid to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three.

Commission Bill No. 127 was read the third time.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Change section 2 to section 3, and insert a new section 2 to read as follows: "All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 127 was passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commission Bill No. 128. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "The Corporation Law."

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 128 was read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Palma moved to strike out the following section:

"SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on its passage."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 128 was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 271.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on November 7, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 668, entitled "An Act providing that the annual tax on the assessed value of the real estate of the city of Manila for the year nineteen hundred and twelve shall be one per centum thereof," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be amended by inserting in line 3, after the word "one" and before the word "per" the words "and one-half," and by striking out the words "one-half of" in line 7, after the word "that" and before the word "one," and when thus amended the bill is recommended for passage.

The city officials have extensive important public works in hand which were undertaken in anticipation of a 1½ per centum levy and they will suffer greatly by abandonment or curtailment unless the bill is amended as recommended. If amended as suggested, the bill will read the same as Acts Nos. 1950, 1978, and 2013, for the years of 1909, 1910, and 1911, respectively.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 668 was read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments made by the committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber during the consideration of the bill.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Branagan moved the following amendment:

Strike out the following section:

"SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the same shall take effect on its passage, in accordance with section one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Assembly Bill No. 668 was passed.

Commissioner Branagan moved to amend the title by striking out the words "one per centum" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one and one-half per centum."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendments of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 272.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 20, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 586, entitled "An Act establishing a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila and fixing the powers and duties of the sugar chemist in charge thereof," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do not pass.

The samples of sugar analyzed at Manila and at Iloilo, respectively, since January, 1911, are tabulated below:

Direct polarizations.

Month, 1911.	Manila sample.	Iloilo sample.
January		10
February	6	100
March	26	328
April	34	268
May	21	390
June	12	385
July	7	300
August	11	235
September	60	183
October	82	(a)
Total	259	2,199

[a] Return not in.

It will be seen that during the height of the season in May and June, Iloilo polarized approximately five times as many sugars as Manila in its highest month. However, Manila polarizations for sugar exported from this port, are coming into favor, as is apparent from the rise in the last two months—yet much of this sugar represents one firm only.

It was necessary to establish a sugar-testing laboratory in Iloilo because no facilities were on hand in that important center. It is not necessary to establish a sugar-testing laboratory in Manila because such a laboratory already exists in the Bureau of Science which has on hand the facilities for sugar analysis. The Bureau of Science, should the polarization requests continue to increase as they have in September and October, would need to purchase an additional polariscope and some apparatus, and it would be advisable, if this increase continues, to add the sum of ₱1,200, the minimum provided for in the inclosed Act, to the salary of a chemist in the Bureau who now receives ₱2,800, so as to make this position one of ₱4,000 and enable the Bureau of Science to retain a first-class man to devote as much as is necessary of his time to the sugar business.

It is believed that the sugar laboratory in Iloilo should be developed and encouraged, because it is situated in a central location where other necessary work, such as soil analysis, cane analysis, etc., for the planters, can be undertaken advantageously and without the loss of time incident to sending samples to Manila. Sugar-cane samples could not be sent to Manila because of changes in their composition. The Iloilo laboratory also can assist sugar planters in their mills by teaching them improved methods so as to obtain first-grade white sugar where they now obtain third-grade, and in other ways to assume the functions of a sugar laboratory such as exist in Hawaii, Java, and other places. To this end an addition of ₱15,000 to the appropriation of the Bureau of Science has been requested, and the Director of the Bureau believes that this sum to assist in developing the sugar industry is a very conservative one. The additions to the staff of the Bureau of Science in Manila, except the ₱1,200 mentioned above, have been taken care of in the appropriation request of the Bureau of Science.

Sugar in the Philippine Islands should be bought and sold on polarization. Its purchase and sale and its arbitrary classification into "Number 1," "Number 2," and "Number 3," may be of some interest to the planter and merchant, but it cannot fix the price to be paid nor fix their acceptance of the grades. On the other hand a belief is growing among dealers that they should have Government polarization for their sugars. This is shown by the table given above. More slowly this feeling is growing among the planters. Eventually when all recognize that buying and selling on polarization is the proper way, the grading will fix itself, more especially when

"centrals" are adopted. Meanwhile the arbitrary fixing of the grades of sugar by the Bureau of Science will not affect the price the merchant is willing to pay or the grading which he will accept, nor will it enable the planter to force a grading on the buyer which the latter is not willing to accept. This can only come about when they are mutually willing to appeal to the Bureau of Science for polarizations and mutually agree to accept the polarization as fixing the price.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,
Consideration of the report was postponed.

[Committee Report No. 273.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Moro council Act No. 264, entitled "An act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder; declaring certain offenses connected therewith misdemeanors, and prescribing punishment therefor," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be amended by inserting in line 7 of section 3, after the words "agreed upon" and before the words "shall be," the words "or repay the money thus fraudulently procured to be advanced," and when so amended that the act be approved by the Commission.

Some members of your committee doubt the constitutionality of this measure, but recommend that it be approved as it is otherwise in proper form and the passage thereof deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the Moro legislative council.

Respecfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted and it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two

of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and sixty-four of the legislative council of the Moro Province, passed April twentieth, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder; declaring certain offenses connected therewith misdemeanors, and prescribing punishment therefor," be, and the same hereby is, approved with the following amendment:

Section 3, line 7, insert after the words "agreed upon" and before the words "shall be," the words "or repay the money thus fraudulently procured to be advanced."

(NOTE.—This action also disposes of A. L. C. No. 256 which is repealed by Act No. 264.)

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then read a telegram from the provincial governor of Pangasinan dated November 9, 1911, conveying to the Commission the greetings of the convention of the municipal presidents of that province opened on that date.

Ordered acknowledged and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 18 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, November 10, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 274.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the Governor-General's message to the Legislature regarding the payment of fees to witnesses in criminal cases, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That consideration of this matter be postponed.

During the last session your committee prepared and introduced into the Commission a bill to provide the payment of per diems and kilometerage fees to poor witnesses in criminal cases (C. B. No. 62) which was refused passage by the Commission. A second bill to provide assistance in the way of subsistence and lodging was then

submitted, and passed by the Commission (C. B. No. 63), but failed to meet the approval of the Assembly, that body seeming to desire a more liberal measure by providing kilometerage fees.

It has been estimated that the payment of a moderate fee would require an annual appropriation of ₱300,000. The recommendation of the Governor-General is expressly conditioned upon the state of the finances, and your committee is of the opinion that it would not be advisable to so greatly increase the expense of government at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 275.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 28 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros held in December, 1910, petitioning for the enactment of a law to provide for the payment of traveling expenses to Government witnesses, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

Attention is invited to the report of your committee on the recommendation contained in the message of the Governor-General of October 16, 1911, on this subject, this day submitted by your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber at this point.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 130. An Act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder, and providing punishment for certain offenses connected therewith.

Commission Bill No. 130 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Strike out the words "and with like intent" appearing in lines 5 and 6, page 1, section 1, and in line 16, section 2, page 1.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill (by request):

Commission Bill No. 131. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Manila," by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 131 was read the first time by title only.

Commissioner Elliott moved that the bill be referred to a select committee to be named by the Chair for report and recommendation.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair then appointed Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Branagan as such committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, and Elliott.

Absent: The President and Commissioner Branagan.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, November 11, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 130. An Act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder, and providing punishment for certain offenses connected therewith.

Commission Bill No. 130 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber at this point.

Commissioner Elliott moved to insert the word "personal" before the word "service" in line 3, section 1, page 1.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to insert the word "personal" before the word "property" in line 16, section 2, page 1.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott then moved that consideration of the bill be postponed.

The motion prevailed.

COMMISSIONER WORCESTER EXCUSED.

At this point Commissioner Worcester requested that he be excused from further attendance at the session, which was granted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

The Committee on Appropriations brought in the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 132. An Act making appropriation for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

Commission Bill No. 132 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration on a date to be fixed later.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 276.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 28, 1911, Commission Bill No. 119, entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter, exchange, pledge, loan, or giving away of the clothes, arms, ammunition, equipments, accouterments, stores, and other property furnished by the Government of the Philippine Islands to the Philippine Constabulary, and prescribing punishment for the unlawful sale and purchase and the theft of any such property," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass with the following amendments:

Lines 12, 13, 14, and 15, page 1, and line 1, page 2, strike out the following words: "but the same may be seized and taken wherever found by any officer of the Philippine Constabulary, and shall thereupon be delivered to any supply officer or other officer of the Philippine Constabulary authorized to receive the same." This power may be exercised under existing law.

Page 2, line 14, strike out the following: "..... years nor more than .....," and insert in lieu thereof the words "six months nor more than three."

Page 2, line 15, strike out the following: "..... pesos nor more than .....," and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred pesos nor more than one thousand."

Page 2, lines 28, 29 and 30, strike out the following: "..... nor more than ....., or by a fine of not less than ..... pesos nor more than .....," and insert in lieu thereof the

words "six months nor more than three years, or by a fine of not less than two hundred pesos nor more than one thousand."

Page 3, line 6, insert the word "hurto," in parentheses after the word "theft."

Page 3, lines 15 and 16, strike out the following: "..... and not more than ..... and by a fine of not less than .... pesos nor more than .....," and insert in lieu thereof the words "one year and not more than five years and by a fine of not less than five hundred pesos nor more than five thousand."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Commission Bill No. 119 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment striking out the words "but the same may be seized and taken wherever found by any officer of the Philippine Constabulary, and shall thereupon be delivered to any supply officer or other officer of the Philippine Constabulary authorized to receive the same" in section 1, be concurred in.

That the amendment to section 2, line 14, page 2, be amended to read "one month nor more than three," and as so amended it be concurred in.

That the amendment to section 2, page 2, line 15, be amended to read "one hundred pesos nor more than one thousand," and as so amended it be concurred in.

That the amendment to section 3, page 2, lines 28, 29, and 30, be amended to read "one month nor more than three years, or by a fine of not less than one hundred pesos nor more than one thousand," and that as so amended it be concurred in.

That the amendment to section 4, page 3, line 6, be concurred in.

That the bill be further amended by striking out the following section:

"SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage."

That as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 277.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 1, 1911, Commission Bill No. 89, entitled "An Act to provide for the supervision and control of insane hospitals and for the commitment and care of all persons insane, epileptic, dipsomaniacal, psychoneurotic, feeble-minded, or mentally defective or deranged by reason of disease or addiction to the intemperate use of drugs, narcotics, or alcoholic stimulants, or mentally incompetent from any other cause," with instructions to study it and report a new bill covering the subject at this Session of the Legislature, has the honor to submit the accompanying bill for the consideration of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 133. An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and creating a board to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane.

Commission Bill No. 133 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 134. An Act to amend section thirty-six of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by exempting from the payment of internal-revenue taxes articles purchased for use by the Army or Navy of the United States.

Commission Bill No. 134 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

FRIAR LANDS REPORT.

The Secretary then submitted the report of the Director of Lands on the administration of the friar estates for the month of October, 1911.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Sumulong,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Branagan (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, November 13, 1911, was read and approved.

AMENDMENT AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 130, entitled "An Act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder, and providing punishment for certain offenses connected therewith," read the third time yesterday and postponed, was taken up.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Insert the following as section 3:

"SEC. 3. Any person who with intent to injure or defraud shall contract with another to receive from him personal services of any kind and to compensate him therefor, and thereafter with like intent receives the benefit of such services in whole or in part and fails or refuses to pay the compensation agreed upon shall, upon conviction

thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred pesos nor more than five hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than one year."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Araneta then moved to strike out the words "six months," appearing in line 10 of page 1, section 1, and in line 4 of page 2, section 2, and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "one month."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 119. An Act prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter, exchange, pledge, loan, or giving away of the clothes, arms, ammunition, equipments, accouterments, stores, and other property furnished by the Government of the Philippine Islands to the Philippine Constabulary and prescribing punishment for the unlawful sale and purchase and the theft of any such property.

By unanimous consent Commission Bill No. 119 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by striking out the words "and prescribing punishment for the unlawful sale and purchase, and the theft of any such property" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and prescribing punishment for the unlawful disposition or the theft of any such property."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 134 LAID ON TABLE.

Commission Bill No. 134 entitled "An Act to amend section thirty-six of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen

hundred and four,' by exempting from the payment of internal revenue taxes articles purchased for use by the Army or Navy of the United States," appearing on the calendar for third reading was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 278.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, the excerpt from the Governor-General's message to the Legislature regarding the sales agency, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

For the present your committee has no legislation to recommend. The Sales Agency has been created and housed and your committee believes that the proper authorities can administratively make an arrangement with the Sales Agency Board whereby that organization would receive and sell the work of the public schools on a basis which would be fair both to the Government and to the Sales Agency.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 279.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 132 of the provincial board of Occidental Negros forwarding resolution No. 44 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, recommending the revision of the existing Municipal Code, and restriction of the powers of the Executive Bureau, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

The restrictions on the degree of self-government and autonomy granted the municipalities by Act No. 82 were imposed as a result of practical experience and were made necessary by the failure of the original system. The intervention of the Executive Bureau in provincial and municipal affairs has for its sole object proper administration of the local governments and the systematizing of the

methods of procedure to secure efficiency. Until the quality of the material from which municipal officials are drawn is higher and the education and experience of the people is sufficient to secure an efficient and honest local government, the decentralization of the municipalities is not deemed advisable.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 280.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution of the provincial board of Occidental Negros No. 132, requesting favorable action on resolution No. 27 of the convention of municipal presidents adopted December 29, 1910, petitioning that municipal councils be empowered to represent their municipalities not only administratively but politically—i. e., to voice their sentiments for or against all matters or Acts having reference to the economic, administrative, and political life of the country—has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

The duties and powers of municipal councils are specifically prescribed by the Municipal Code, as amended, and among these duties and powers there is found no law authorizing or permitting them to constitute themselves judges or critics of other branches of the Government or the officials thereof.

The right of petition is fully conceded and protected and the officers of any municipality *as individuals* have the right to express themselves freely on any subject provided they keep within the limits of the law in so doing.

It is not believed necessary to take any further action in this matter and it is therefore recommended that these papers be filed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 281.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, a communication from the national committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples, requesting the coöperation of the Government of the Philippine Islands in the celebration of this event, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this matter be laid on the table and that the Secretary of the Commission be authorized to inform the national committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples that the Commission, although it is in hearty sympathy with the object of the celebration, is of the opinion that, in view of the small percentage of Anglo-Saxons in the community, it would not be suitable for this Government to adopt the resolution proposed or to appoint a joint committee to coöperate with the national committee in its work of preparing a plan of celebration.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and the Secretary was directed to advise the national committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples that, although the Commission is in sympathy with the object of their meeting, it is of the opinion that conditions existing here hardly seem to justify the Philippine Government in taking an active part in the event.

[Committee Report No. 282.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 132 of the provincial board of Occidental Negros forwarding resolution No. 45 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros requesting the passage of an Act providing for a 15 per cent reduction of the salaries of all elective and appointive employees, the money saved in this manner to be covered into the school funds and used for municipal teacher's salaries, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this matter be laid on the table.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that, although it would be a

very desirable thing to have more money to spend on education, it would be most unwise to provide the money by any such sweeping measure as is recommended in the inclosed resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 283.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 38 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, petitioning that persons sentenced to *arresto mayor* in justice of the peace courts serve sentence in the municipal jail of the municipality concerned and be used for municipal works, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid upon the table.

Before making this recommendation I discussed the question with the Director of Prisons and the Special Agent, both of whom have a sufficiently intimate knowledge of conditions to form a trustworthy opinion of the need of such legislation as is proposed. They both recommend against it.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 135. An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General.

Commission Bill No. 135 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be referred to

the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

The report and recommendation of the committee of the Whole were adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following resolution for Commissioner Worcester:

Commission Resolution No. 79. Whereas a survey of certain additional streets in Baguio town-site subdivision has been made; and

Whereas the survey has been approved by the Acting Director of Lands: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the survey and plat presented by the Acting Director of Lands of the lines of streets 51, 52, 53 56, and 58 and Session Road be, and the same hereby are, approved as an amendment to the plan approved by the Philippine Commission, May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and six.

The resolution was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 22 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary*.

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, and Sumulong.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), Commissioner Branagan (excused), and Commissioner Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, November 14, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 284.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 14, 1911, Commission Bill No. 135, entitled "An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein

were adopted, and the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following concurrent resolution:

Commission Concurrent Resolution No. 3. Concurrent Resolution providing that neither of the two Houses of the Legislature shall present to the other any new legislation after January twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Whereas the present session of the Legislature will end on the first day of February, nineteen hundred and twelve; and

Whereas during the last days of a session it is difficult, if not impossible, to take action on new bills which have not theretofore been considered by both Houses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Philippine Commission, the Philippine Assembly concurring, That after the twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve, until the end of the present session, neither House shall send to the other any bill which has not previously been acted upon or considered by the House to which it is sent.

By unanimous consent, the resolution was read once and put upon its passage.

The roll was called and the resolution was unanimously passed.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly therein.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, and Sumulong.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), Commissioner Branagan (excused), and Commissioner Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, November 15, 1911, was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

No further business being before it,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Branagan (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, November 16, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 285.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on the 2d of November, 1911, resolution No. 208 of the municipal council of Urdaneta, Pangasinan, petitioning the Legislature for an Act granting to each councilor of the municipalities of the Philippine Islands a per diem of ₱5 for each regular session of the council attended by him and another per diem of ₱10 for each special session, in addition to a salary of ₱15 a month for the service rendered by him to the Bureau of Agriculture, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

The request made would perhaps be more worthy of consideration

if the municipalities of these Islands had sufficient funds to pay the increased expenditure caused by the appropriation by each municipality of the amounts necessary to cover the cost of the per diems and salaries solicited in said resolution; but unfortunately, with the exception of Cebu and Iloilo, all of the other municipalities in the provinces have not sufficient revenues to cover the necessaries of a provident and well-organized municipal administration, this being the reason why at times certain deficiencies and consequent shortcomings are noted in certain branches of the municipal administration. Therefore, your committee is of the opinion that the petition should be denied so long as the economic conditions of the municipalities show no better results.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 286.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Commission Bill No. 25, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth, providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction as a matter pertaining to that Department rather than to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business, particularly the report of the Secretary of Commerce and Police for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

After consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 972.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioners Sumulong and Branagan (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, November 17, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill (A. B. No. 795), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 795 was read the first time by title only.

Commissioner Elliott moved that the bill be referred to a select committee to be composed of the President of the Commission and two other members to be named by him.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Araneta, and being put to a vote was carried.

Commissioners Araneta and Elliott were then named as the two other members of the committee.

NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on November 17, 1911, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 668, entitled "An Act providing that the annual tax on the assessed value of the real estate of the city of Manila for the year nineteen hundred and twelve shall be one per centum thereof."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 287.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 140, entitled "An Act to amend section thirty-four of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,' by exempting the owners of large cattle over two years of age who voluntarily present the same for branding and registration from the penalty established in said Act, and repealing in such case section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction as a matter pertaining to

that Department rather than to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 288.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 145, entitled "An Act to amend section ten of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,' as amended by Act Fourteen hundred and sixty-five, by reducing the charge for certificates of registration of large cattle," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction as a matter pertaining to that Department rather than to the Department of Finance and Justice.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, November 18, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 289.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 30, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 634, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor-General of the Philippines, or the person acting legally in his stead, to postpone, reduce, remit, and annul, or in any other manner compromise, in part or in whole, the confiscation and execution of bonds in criminal cases, and to order the return of moneys, or other personal property confiscated from private parties by the American military authorities during the revolution, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

This bill is identical with Assembly Bill No. 534 of the last session, laid on the table by the Commission in accordance with a report

rendered by this committee on January 31, 1911, the following comment from which is quoted for the information of the Commission:

"The forfeiture and execution of bonds given by defendants in criminal cases brought in the courts of justice of the Philippine Islands is a purely judicial matter, and to authorize the Governor-General to annul or remit in whole or in part such bonds would be contrary to the theory of separation of powers and highly inadvisable.

"The confiscated money referred to in section 2 of the bill forms a part of the funds of the Insular Treasury, and under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, no money shall be paid out of the Treasury except in pursuance of an appropriation by law."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 136. An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered One Hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect.

Commission Bill No. 136 was read the first time and referred to Commissioner Palma as a select Committee for report and recommendation.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert assumed the chair.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 290.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on November 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 795, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine Hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund," has examined the same and has the honcr

to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The amendment of the bill by striking out sections 3, 4, and 5 thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof section 3.

"SEC. 3. Of the gold-standard fund as fixed in section one of this Act not to exceed fifty per centum may, with the prior approval of the Governor-General, be invested by the Insular Treasurer in any of the following ways, all other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding:

"(*a*) In loans for periods not exceeding five years to provinces and municipalities to aid in the construction of public works, particularly those of a revenue-producing character.

"(*b*) In any way in which the funds of the Postal Savings Bank may be invested, under the provisions of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-three as amended.

"(*c*) In loans on approved security to any railroad corporation constructing lines in the Philippine Islands under a Government concession, and the interest on the bonds of which corporation is guaranteed by the Government of the Philippine Islands, such amounts as may be necessary to complete sections of railroads of not less than twenty continuous miles, as provided in section four of the Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five, entitled 'An Act to amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," and to amend an Act approved March eighth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," and to amend an Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and three, entitled "An Act to establish a standard of value and to provide for a coinage system in the Philippine Islands," and to provide for the more efficient administration of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes:' *Provided*, That the Governor-General shall have determined the expeditious completion of such sections to be to the interests of the people of the Philippine Islands."

And that section 6 be renumbered section 4, and that when so amended the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 795 was read the second time and,

together with the report of the select committee thereon, was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments made by the select committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Sumulong moved to strike out subsection (*c*) of section 3, reading as follows:

(*c*) In loans on approved security to any railroad corporation constructing lines in the Philippine Islands under a Government concession, and the interest on the bonds of which corporation is guaranteed by the Government of the Philippine Islands, such amounts as may be necessary to complete sections of railroads of not less than twenty continuous miles, as provided in section four of the Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five, entitled "An Act to amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,' and to amend an Act approved March eighth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,' and to amend an Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and three, entitled 'An Act to establish a standard of value and to provide for a coinage system in the Philippine Islands,' and to provide for the more efficient administration of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes:" *Provided*, That the Governor-General shall have determined the expeditious completion of such sections to be to the interests of the people of the Philippine Islands.

The motion was not seconded.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 7, strike out the words "of the sale;" and in line 14, strike out the word "preserve" and insert in lieu thereof the word "maintain."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was

called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, November 20, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 16, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 612), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the organization of agricultural colonies at uninhabited points in the Philippine Islands under the direction of the Bureau of Labor, and appropriating funds for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 612 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 137. An Act amending sections one and twenty-six of Act Numbered Two thousand and seventy-five, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles in the Moro Province, the Mountain Province, the Province of Agusan, and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya."

Commission Bill No. 137 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Araneta moved to insert the following new section:

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 137 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 48 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Sumulong (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, November 21, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 17, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 226) in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 226 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 17, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 633), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions.

Very respectfully,

RAMON DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 633 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 291.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on November 21, 1911, the resolution of the municipal council of Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan, adopted October 31, 1911, indorsing Assembly Bills Nos. 568 and 574, and petitioning for a suspension of the land tax for the years of 1912 and 1913, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that further consideration of the petition be deferred until the Assembly bills therein referred to come up for consideration by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 292.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on November 20, 1911, Commission Bill No. 136, entitled "An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-

eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, line 4, after the word "ninety" insert the following: "entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special proceedings in the Philippine Islands.' "

Section 2, line 6, strike out the words "such provisions" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "articles seven hundred and sixty-six, eight hundred and thirteen, eight hundred and fourteen, eight hundred and fifteen, eight hundred and seventeen, eight hundred and nineteen, eight hundred and twenty, eight hundred and eighty-one, and nine hundred and twelve."

Respectfully submitted.

RAFAEL PALMA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber during the reading of the report.

The report was received.

Commission Bill No. 136 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments recommended by the select committee be concurred in; that the bill be further amended by striking out the word "as" in the first line of section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in so far as they" and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Secretary then read the following correspondence, submitted to the Commission by the Governor-General:

A letter by Mr. Thomas A. Street, member of the Code Committee, addressed to the Assistant Executive Secretary on October 5, 1911, in which he gives it as his opinion that the Philippine Legislature has the power to change the

qualifications of electors for the office of Delegate to the Philippine Assembly.

A memorandum of the Secretary of Finance and Justice expressing the opinion that such action can only be taken by Congress.

Consideration postponed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 293.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on October 16, 1911, that portion of the message of the Governor-General recommending that machinery be exempted from taxation, and to which was referred on November 22, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 633, to the same purpose, has examined the same and has the honor to report back to the Commission with the following recommendations, viz:

That the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following, and when so amended that the bill do pass, to wit:

"SECTION 1. In all future assessments of real estate, in the city of Manila and in provinces organized under the Provincial Government Act, the value of machinery, as defined in section six of this Act, shall be excluded, and such machinery shall not be assessed or taxed as part of the improvements on or to real property, or otherwise.

"SEC. 2. Assessments now in force in provinces organized under the Provincial Government Act, when such assessments include the value of machinery, shall be reduced in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter stated and not otherwise.

"SEC. 3. Every owner of machinery now assessed and taxed as an improvement to real property, in order to secure the exemption of such machinery from further such taxation, shall prepare and submit to the provincial board of tax appeals of the province in which such assessment was made, a detailed, itemized statement of such machinery, showing the declared value of each item, the total value of all items, and the assessed value, if the same be known.

"SEC. 4. The provincial board of tax appeals at its annual meeting in December shall consider each statement prepared as set forth in the last preceding section and theretofore filed, and such other evidence as it may deem pertinent and relevant, and shall determine, decide upon, and fix the true value of such machinery, and shall thereupon authorize a corresponding reduction from the existing assessment, as shown by the land-tax declarations and registers, of the land and improvements to which such machinery belongs or pertains.

"SEC. 5. Reductions in assessments made under the provisions of this Act shall become effective with the beginning of the tax year next succeeding the annual meeting of the provincial board of tax appeals at which such reductions were authorized.

"SEC. 6. The word 'machinery' as used in this Act shall be construed to embrace all machines, mechanical contrivances, instruments, tools, implements, appliances, apparatus, and paraphernalia used for industrial, agricultural, or manufacturing purposes, whether or not attached to land or buildings.

"SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its passage and shall have prospective effect only."

The bill passed by the Assembly exempts only agricultural machinery, and does not provide for any reassessment for the immediate relief of parties whose machinery has heretofore been paying taxes as part of the real estate upon which situated.

The proposed amendment has been drawn after consultation with the Special Agent and others interested in provincial affairs, and is believed to meet the recommendations in the Governor-General's message more nearly than the Assembly bill.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 633 was postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 10 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO, C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioners Palma and Sumulong (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, November 22, 1911, was read and approved.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 136 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 136, entitled "An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect," appearing on the calendar for third reading on this date,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

Consideration was postponed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 294.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on November 2, 1911, the resolution of the municipal presidents of Rizal requesting that a law be enacted providing for the reimbursement of traveling expenses of councilors residing in remote pueblos forming a part of consolidated municipalities, for each session of the council attended by them, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition be laid on the table.

If every municipality had sufficient revenues to cover the expenses of a well-regulated municipal administration, there would be no question as to the justice of the reimbursement requested and the increased expenditure might perhaps be provided for in the appropriations in each case. On the other hand, there is still the possibility of new consolidations of municipalities or of segregations of towns now consolidated, and it does not appear reasonable or advisable to authorize such disbursement of funds.

Such is the opinion of your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 295.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Ten permanent Government fellowships are hereby authorized to be awarded to persons who have completed any professional or cultural course of study or who are licensed to practice

any technical, scientific, artistic, industrial, or cultural professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the universities or other educational institutions of America or Europe. As vacancies occur in these fellowships, they shall be filled in the manner hereinafter provided.

"SEC. 2. An appointee under this Act shall be a citizen of the Philippine Islands of sound physical constitution and good character, and shall have studied and completed some technical, scientific, artistic, industrial, or cultural course in the University of the Philippines, or in an educational institution of the United States or an educational institution in the Philippine Islands which has been authorized by the Government to confer degrees.

"SEC. 3. Five of these fellowships shall be assigned to qualified members of the teaching staff of the University of the Philippines below the rank of associate professor, for the purpose of developing a permanent faculty of Filipino scholars in that institution. Five of these fellowships shall be open to graduates of other institutions recognized by the Insular Government. Candidates for the fellowships assigned to the University of the Philippines shall be appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines on the recommendation of the president of the university. The other fellowships shall be filled by appointment of the Governor-General upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Public Instruction after an examination has been held to determine the qualifications of the candidates for appointment.

"SEC. 4. Candidates appointed to the five fellowships from the teaching staff of the University of the Philippines shall be granted leave of absence without pay from the university, and shall pursue their studies under such direction as the Board of Regents shall require. They shall sign a contract binding themselves to return to the Philippines upon expiration of their fellowship appointments and to continue their duties in the university for a time equal to their period of study as Government students. Appointees to other fellowships shall pursue their studies under such direction as the Secretary of Public Instruction may require. They shall sign a contract binding themselves to return to the Philippines when their fellowship appointments have expired, and to render service in the Bureaus of the Government for a term equal to their period of study as Government students, at salaries which shall not be less than those paid to other employees for similar work.

"SEC. 5. The holders of fellowships attending educational institutions in America shall be subject to the control of the superintendent of Government students in the United States, for their protection, care, and welfare; those attending educational institutions of Europe will be placed under the control of the diplomatic representatives or the agents authorized or commissioned by the Philippine Government, for their care, protection, and safety.

"SEC. 6. The holders of fellowships under this Act shall each receive in monthly or quarterly installments, one thousand two hundred pesos a year; and they shall be entitled to tuition fees and to reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for travel and subsistence between their homes in the Philippine Islands and their respective places of study in America or Europe.

"SEC. 7. A continuing annual appropriation of thirty thousand pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying out the purposes of this Act."

This law as amended has received the indorsement of the president and the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 79 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment proposed by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 1, lines 2 to 5, inclusive, strike out the words "who have completed any professional or cultural course of study or who are licensed to practice any technical, scientific, artistic, industrial, or cultural professions," and insert in lieu thereof the words "who have the qualifications prescribed in section two."

Section 2, page 1, lines 12 to 14, strike out the words "completed some technical, scientific, artistic, industrial, or cultural course" and insert in lieu thereof the words "completed some professional, technical, scientific, artistic or industrial course;" line 14, insert after the word "Philippines" the words "and received a degree therefrom;" and on page 2, line 2, insert after the word "degrees" the words "and received a degree therefrom."

Section 3, page 2, lines 7 to 9, strike out the words "five of these fellowships shall be open to graduates of other institutions recognized by the Insular Government."

Section 5, page 3, change "control" to "supervision" in lines 4 and 8; line 8, insert after the word "representatives" the words "of

the United States;" lines 8 and 9, strike out the words "the agents authorized or commissioned by the Philippine Government" and insert in lieu thereof the words "of agents selected and authorized by the Secretary of Public Instruction;" and in line 10, strike out the word "safety" and insert in lieu thereof the word "welfare."

Section 7, page 3, line 19, insert after the word "necessary" the words "beginning with the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

SECOND READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 633. An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions.

Assembly Bill No. 633 was read the second time and further consideration postponed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill for the President:

Commission Bill No. 138. An Act to amend Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act defining property in trade-marks and in trade-names and providing for the protection of the same, defining unfair competition and providing remedies against the same, providing registration for trade-marks and trade-names, and defining the effect to be given to registration under the Spanish royal decree of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight relating to the registration of trade-marks, and the effect to be given to registration under this Act," by providing for the publication of applications for registration of trade-marks and trade-names and for the filing of opposition to such registration by persons considering themselves damaged thereby, and forbidding the importation of certain merchandise, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 138 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 973.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock meridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, November 23, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 79. An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 79 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 5, page 3, line 9, strike out the words "protection, care, and welfare" and insert in lieu thereof the words "care, protection and welfare."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to provide Government fellowships for persons who shall have studied and completed some professional, technical, scientific, artistic, or industrial course in certain institutions and received a degree therefrom, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions of America or Europe, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 296.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 20, 1911, resolution No. 43 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros indorsing Assembly Bill No. 235, entitled "An Act making provisions with respect to the municipal police," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The proposed law contains some good features, but it is recommended that the matter be laid on the table until the bill is received from the Assembly in due course.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 297.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on November 22, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention," has examined the same and has the honor

to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Assembly Bill No. 226 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "to be paid out of Insular funds not otherwise appropriated," and in lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "not more costly than nipa" and insert in lieu thereof the words "as economical as nipa."

Section 2, page 2, lines 1 to 12, inclusive, strike out the words "The form and conditions in which the competition shall be conducted and the determination of the question relating to the cost of the roofing or system invented, as indicated in the next preceding section, shall be subject to the rules adopted on the twenty-ninth of August, nineteen hundred and eight, by the Technical Board appointed by the Governor-General under the provisions of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and thirty-eight: *Provided, however,* That in awarding the prize authorized by this Act to an inventor it shall be sufficient for him to have obtained an average of seventy-five points: *And provided further,*" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Subject to the approval of the Governor-General, the board provided for in this section shall prescribe the form and conditions in which the competition shall be conducted, and shall determine the question relative to the cost of the roofing, or system invented which are indicated in the next preceding section: *Provided, however.*"

Section 6, page 3, strike out in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen thousand pesos."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON COMMISSION BILL NO. 138.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Commission Bill No. 138, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six, entitled 'An Act defining property in trade-marks and in trade-names and providing for the protection of the same, defining unfair competition and providing remedies against the same, providing registration for trade-marks and trade-names, and defining the effect to be given to registration under the Spanish royal decree of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight relating to the registration of trade-marks, and the effect to be given to registration under this Act,' by providing for the publication of applications for registration of trade-marks and trade-names and for the filing of opposition to such registration by persons considering themselves damaged thereby, and forbidding the importation of certain merchandise, and for other purposes."

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 138 was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commissioner Elliott was absent during the proceedings on this bill.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

Commission Bill No. 136, entitled "An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered

One hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect," heretofore postponed, was taken up and read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Strike out section 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections are hereby restored to full force and effect."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of certain correspondence with reference to the power of the Philippine Legislature to change the qualifications of electors for the office of Delegate to the Philippine Assembly.

After some consideration the papers were ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 973.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Palma (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, November 24, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 226. An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention.

Assembly Bill No. 226 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, strike out the words "*And provided further*, That said roofing shall be suitable or adaptable to buildings of light materials," in lines 9 to 11; strike out the word "and" in line 6; and insert in line 7, after the word "nipa" the words "and suitable or adaptable to buildings of light materials."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved the following amendment:

Section 2, page 2, lines 4 to 7, strike out the words "form and conditions in which the competition shall be conducted, and shall

determine the queston relative to the cost of the roofing or system invented, which are indicated in the next preceding section" and insert in lieu thereof the words "form and conditions upon which the competition shall be conducted, and shall determine the same;" and in line 11, strike out the word "only" and insert the words "not more than."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 5, page 3, lines 5 and 6, strike out the words "null and void" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ineffective, and the appropriation herein made shall revert to the general fund."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Branagan moved the following amendment:

Section 6, page 3, line 9, insert after the word "pesos" the words "which shall not be available until the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by inserting after the word "nipa" the words "making an appropriation therefor."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber at this point.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 586 WITHDRAWN.

The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior asked leave to withdraw its report on Assembly Bill No. 586, submitted on November 10, 1911, and now pending consideration by the Commission.

The request was granted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 298.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on October 27, 1911, Commission Bill No. 118, entitled "An Act providing for the proof and acknowledgment of instruments without the Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass in the following form:

"SECTION 1. An instrument or document acknowledged and authenticated in any State, Territory, the District of Columbia, or dependency of the United States, shall be considered authentic if the acknowledgment and authentication are made in accordance with the following requirements:

"(*a*) The acknowledgment shall be made before a notary public or an officer duly authorized by law of the country to take acknowledgments of instruments or documents in the place where the act is done. The notary public or the officer taking the acknowledgment shall certify that the person acknowledging the instrument or document is known to him, and that he is the same person who executed it, and acknowledged that the same is his free act and deed. The certificate shall be made under his official seal, if he is by law required to keep a seal, and if not, his certificate shall so state.

"(*b*) The certificate of the notary public or the officer taking the acknowledgment shall be authenticated by the county clerk or his deputy, or by a clerk or deputy clerk of any court of record of the county, municipality, or judicial district wherein the acknowledgment is taken, or by the secretary of state, executive secretary, or other similar functionary of the State, Territory, the District of Columbia, or dependency of the United States, as the case may be. The officer making the authentication shall certify under the seal of his office or court that the person who took the acknowledgment was at the time duly authorized to act as notary public or that he was duly exercising the functions of the office by virtue of which he assumed to act, and that as such he had authority under the law to take acknowledgment of instruments or documents in the place where the acknowledgment was taken, and that his signature and seal, if any, are genuine.

"SEC. 2. An instrument or document acknowledged and authenticated in a foreign country shall be considered authentic if the acknowledgment and authentication are made in accordance with the following requirements:

"(*a*) The acknowledgment shall be made before (1) an ambassador, minister, secretary of legation, chargé d'affaires, consul, viceconsul, or consular agent of the United States, acting within the

country or place to which he is accredited, or (2) a notary public or officer duly authorized by law of the country to take acknowledgments of instruments or documents in the place where the act is done.

"(*b*) The person taking the acknowledgment shall certify that the person acknowledging the instrument or document is known to him, and that he is the same person who executed it, and acknowledged that the same is his free act and deed. The certificate shall be under his official seal, if he is by law required to keep a seal, and if not, his certificate shall so state. In case the acknowledgment is made before a notary public or an officer mentioned in subdivision (2) of the preceding paragraph, the certificate of the notary public or the officer taking the acknowledgment shall be authenticated by an ambassador, minister, secretary of legation, chargé d'affaires, consul, vice-consul, or consular agent of the United States, acting within the country or place to which he is accredited. The officer making the authentication shall certify under his official seal that the person who took the acknowledgment was at the time duly authorized to act as notary public or that he was duly exercising the functions of the office by virtue of which he assumed to act, and that as such he had authority under the law to take acknowledgment of instruments or documents in the place where the acknowledgment was taken, and that his signature and seal, if any, are genuine.

"SEC. 3. Instruments or documents acknowledged and authenticated in substantial conformity with the provisions of this Act before the same takes effect shall be considered authentic.

"SEC. 4. This Act shall not be construed to repeal in any way any of the provisions contained in Chapter X, Part I, of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands.' "

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Commission Bill No. 118 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment proposed by the standing committee.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act providing for the acknowledgment and authentication of instruments and documents without the Philippine Islands.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 139. An Act amending section four, as amended, of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend certain sections of General Orders, Numbered Fifty-eight, series of nineteen hundred, and certain sections of Acts Numbered Eighty-two, One hundred and thirty-six, One hundred and eighty-three, as amended, One hundred and ninety, One hundred and ninety-four, as amended, Seven hundred and eighty-seven, as amended; also to repeal Acts Numbered Five hundred and ninety, as amended, Nine hundred and ninety-two, and Fourteen hundred and fifty, and designed to unify the system of justice of the peace courts, clarify existing legislation relative thereto, and further increase the efficiency thereof," by conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace to try violations of regulations adopted by provincial boards under section thirteen (*k*) of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled "The Provincial Government Act."

Commission Bill No. 139 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following resolution for the President:

Commission Resolution No. 80. Whereas paragraph two hundred and fifteen of the Philippine Tariff Act reads as follows:

"215. Rice, gross weight (until May first, nineteen hundred and ten):

"(*a*) Unhusked, one hundred kilos, sixty cents.

"(*b*) Husked, one hundred kilos, one dollar.

"(*c*) Flour, one hundred kilos, two dollars.

"On and after May first, nineteen hundred and ten:

"(*a*) Unhusked, one hundred kilos, eighty cents.

"(*b*) Husked, one hundred kilos, one dollar and twenty cents.

"(*c*) Flour, one hundred kilos, two dollars.

"*Provided*, That the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, may, in his discretion, continue in force the rates of duty first prescribed in this paragraph, until in his judgment, conditions in the Philippine Islands may warrant the imposition of the higher rates herein prescribed; and

"*Provided further*, That the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, may suspend all duties upon rice or the duties upon rice for consumption in particular localities, to be designated by him, whenever and for such period as, in his judgment, local conditions require, in which event rice admitted free by virtue of his order shall be distributed under governmental supervision or in accordance with such regulations as he may prescribe."

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to the Governor-General that the rates of duty first prescribed in the foregoing paragraph (heretofore continued in force until January first, nineteen hundred and twelve) be continued in force until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 47 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President (after roll call).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, November 25, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 299.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on November 3, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 577, entitled "An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five, by providing that residents of the Provinces of Mindoro, Palawan, and Batanes, organized under 'The Special Provincial Government Act,' Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, shall be exempt from the payment of the tax established by section nineteen of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, but subject to the payment of the double cedula tax, and repealing section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five and all Acts in conflict with this Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it do not pass, unless the Legislature is prepared to make appropriations for carrying on public work in Batanes, Mindoro,

and Palawan. While it is undoubtedly true that the townships and settlements in question are poor and greatly in need of additional funds, your committee can not recommend the adoption of a law which would take half of the scanty sum at present collected for public works in these provinces and turn it over to be expended for increased salaries. Your committee would favor the reëstablishment of the cedula tax in these provinces if desired by their inhabitants, but the necessity for opening up lines of communication in each province is so imperative that your committee disapproves of the depletion of the scanty funds now available for this purpose. As the Legislature already appropriates considerable sums annually for the support of the provinces in question, it would seem that the necessity for additional funds for township and settlement purposes should be met in these provinces in the same way that it is met in Agusan, Nueva Vizcaya, and the Mountain Province, namely, by the imposition of the cedula tax.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill (by request):

Commission Bill No. 140. An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven by making the provisions of the penal code applicable to violation of the Act.

Commission Bill No. 140 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

THE PRESIDENT IN THE CHAIR.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and took the chair.

INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

The President introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 141. An Act making appropriation for the repair and construction of roads, bridges, trails, and public buildings in the Mountain Province.

Commission Bill No. 141 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 141 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 141 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary*.

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott (after roll call).

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, November 27, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 25, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 795, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegates Adriatico, Fuentebella, and Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment

to Assembly Bill Numbered Seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the President (or the Acting President), and Commissioners Araneta and Elliott be the managers on the part of the Commission, and that the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

NOVEMBER 25, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 587, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Act, and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in, tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Acuña, Lozada, and Valle.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill Numbered Five hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Act, and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in, tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber at this point.

Ordered, That Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Branagan be the managers on the part of the Commission, and that the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business, particularly the report of the Secretary of Public Instruction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

After consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 973.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, November 28, 1911, was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 142. An Act to repeal section three of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-five entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the purchase and preparation of land for cattle quarantine stations in the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, and making provision for the reimbursement of the Insular Treasury for the said amount with the proceeds of the sale of the Singalong experimental station, Malate, Manila," and confirming any sales heretofore made under authority of the repealed section.

Commission Bill No. 142 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendments:

Section 1, page 1, line 9, strike out the words "be and the same," and strike out section 2 in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, November 29, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 29, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 707), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine by granting a donation in money, to be paid from provincial funds, to families of unclassified employees, including laborers, of the provincial Government, injured in the clear line of duty.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 707 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 29, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 809), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act repealing the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five in so far as they relate to the municipality of San Juan del Monte, and extending the provisions of Act Numbered Eighty-two and amendments thereto to said municipality.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 809 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 29, 1911, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 108, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fifty-two, entitled 'An Act providing for examinations of banking institutions in the Philippine Islands, and for reports by their officers,' as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and thirty-nine, by providing for the examination of banks every twelve months, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 108 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on November 29, 1911, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law.'"

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments are as follows:

In section 1, lines 11 and 12, strike out the words "shall be submitted by him to the Governor-General for approval," and substitute in lieu thereof the following words: "shall be submitted by him to the Philippine Commission for approval."

In section 5, page 3, line 13, strike out the words "thirty-two kilometers," and insert in lieu thereof the words "twenty kilometers;" same section, same page, line 17, substitute for the words "thirty-two kilometers" the words "twenty kilometers;" same section, same page, substitute for the words "thirty-two kilometers," in line 21, the words "twenty kilometers."

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 142. An Act to repeal section three of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-five entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the purchase and preparation of land for cattle quarantine stations in the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, and making provision for the reimbursement of the Insular Treasury for the said amount with the proceeds of the sale of the Singalong experimental station, Malate, Manila," and confirming any sales heretofore made under authority of the repealed section.

Commission Bill No. 142 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Add the words "and the Director of Agriculture shall take charge of that part of the Singalong experimental station not already sold" at the end of section 1 thereof.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 142 was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title by striking out the words "and confirming any sales heretofore made under authority of the repealed section" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and directing the Director of Agriculture to take charge of that part of the Singalong experimental station not already sold."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed during executive session see pp. 973–975.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, December 1, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 300.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 53 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, expressing its concurrence in the bill introduced in the Philippine Assembly, restricting the sale, in large tracts, of public lands and of the so-called friar lands, and requesting the Philippine Legislature to secure from the Congress of the United States early legislation in the sense suggested, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be laid on the table.

This is simply a statement that two members of the provincial board of Occidental Negros are in favor of a certain Assembly

bill providing against the sale of large parcels of public land, or of friar land. It calls for no action and should apparently be filed.

Your committee, however, desires to call the attention of the Commission to the fact that since the order of the Secretary of War to the effect that tracts of vacant friar land larger than 16 hectares shall not be leased or sold to individuals, there have been a considerable number of persons, practically without exception Filipinos, who have sought to lease or purchase larger tracts of such lands, and have complained very bitterly because of the restrictions imposed on them by order of the Secretary of War.

It may further be suggested that it is to the interest of the people of Occidental Negros that land holdings to be acquired in the future be restricted, as they do not wish large sugar estates started in other parts of the Archipelago in competition with those which they already have.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, and Branagan.

Absent: The President, Commissioner Sumulong (excused), and Commissioner Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, December 2, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 301.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on November 29, 1911, a communication from the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company, by Guillermo Eleázar, president, submitting a draft of an Act to grant said company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat, and power plant, and to install, operate, and maintain an electric light, heat, and power system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

It appears that this petition has also been presented to the Assembly, and that a bill to accomplish its purpose (A. B. No. 827)

has already been introduced in that body. It is recommended that the Commission await the action of the Assembly on this bill.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 302.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on November 3, 1911, resolution No. 51 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, indorsing certain Assembly bills, among others a bill authorizing reimbursement of vice-presidents and councilors for traveling expenses on inspection trips; a bill authorizing municipalities to expend not exceeding five hundred pesos per annum for repair of municipal buildings, without the previous approval of the provincial board; and a bill providing that the salary of the municipal treasurer shall be equal to that of the municipal president, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be laid on the table.

The records in this matter show that the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros at a session held on the 5th of January, 1911, adopted the following resolution:

That the said presidents, in their capacity of representatives of their respective municipalities, support and subscribe to the bills mentioned in the said resolution.

The only bills which in this case might be the subject of consideration by your committee in connection with the said resolution, would be the Cinco Bill and the Azanza Bill, designated therein by the letters (*aa*) and (*cc*), and in as much as said bills have not been passed by the Philippine Assembly, and therefore are of no force or effect, your committee is of the opinion that the petition herein referred to should be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 303.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 48 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, recommending the passage of an Act authorizing the Governor-General to grant to municipalities tracts of uncultivated public land for public exploitation and benefit, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be laid on the table.

Your committee is of the opinion that it is impracticable to carry out this recommendation of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros without congressional action, as the existing Public Land Act does not authorize the Legislature to make land grants to municipalities, and this Act cannot be amended without congressional action.

In view of the disinclination which Congress has displayed, during a long period of years, to change the Public Land Act in any respect, even when the modifications requested were obviously of great importance, your committee is not of the opinion that it would be worth while to ask for congressional legislation relative to this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 304.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, resolution No. 42 of the convention of municipal presidents of Occidental Negros, requesting the passage of an Act providing for more surveying parties in order to expedite the surveying of land, and providing for the advancement of expenses of such survey from the public funds, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following comment, viz:

Your committee believes that the matters complained of in the attached resolution are quite fully covered by the Cadastral Bill recently passed by the Philippine Commission, which is applicable to certain of the special government provinces, and that the passage

in the near future of a similar bill applicable to the remaining provinces of the Archipelago will meet the situation quite satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 975.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta.

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President, and Commissioner Sumulong (excused).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, December 4, 1911, was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, December 5, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 305.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 27, 1911, Commission Bill No. 140, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven by making the provisions of the Penal Code applicable to violation of the Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, to be numbered thirteen, the present sections thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of said Act to be renumbered accordingly:

" 'SEC. 13. The judge convicting a person of the violation of any

of the provisions of this Act shall order the confiscation of the money, articles, instruments or appliances used in gambling. The articles, instruments or appliances shall be sold, except those which are valueless or of illicit commerce, which shall be destroyed. The money confiscated and the products of the sale shall be accounted for, accredited and disposed of as fines imposed by the court: *Provided, however,* That the fines and costs to be paid by the accused shall be reduced in an equivalent amount. The provisions of this section shall be applicable in cases of conviction of the violation of municipal ordinances prohibiting gambling.' "

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Commission Bill No. 140 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment proposed by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Amend section 13 to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. The judge convicting a person of the violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall order the confiscation of the money, articles, instruments, appliances, or devices used in gambling. Articles, instruments, appliances, and devices capable of being used exclusively for gambling shall be destroyed under the order of the court. Money and the proceeds of the sale of confiscated articles which are capable of being used otherwise than for gambling purposes shall be accounted for, accredited, and disposed of in the same manner as the proceeds of fines imposed by the court. The provisions of this section shall be applicable in cases of conviction of the violation of municipal ordinances prohibiting gambling."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 306.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 20, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 586, entitled "An Act establishing a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila and fixing the powers and duties of the sugar chemist in charge thereof," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed in the amended form herewith transmitted. Your committee is of the opinion that it is better to incorporate in the bill provisions corresponding to those of Act No. 1896 rather than to provide merely that the terms and provisions of said Act shall apply. If the former procedure is followed persons interested can gain all the desired information by reading a single Act. Otherwise they would be compelled to secure and read the Act providing for the establishment of a sugar-testing laboratory at Iloilo in order to find out what they want to know about the sugar-testing laboratory at Manila.

It has further been thought best to modify the Act so that it will apply to all such sugar as may be brought into the market of Manila, rather than to the sugar of the provinces of Luzon alone.

These changes in the Assembly bill have been made after consultation with Doctor Apacible, the author of the bill in the lower House, and have his approval.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The following is the form in which the bill was recommended for passage by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior:

An Act providing for the establishment of a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila, authorizing the employment of a sugar chemist and fixing his powers and duties.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. A sugar-testing laboratory is hereby established in the Bureau of Science at Manila, which shall be in charge of a sugar chemist who shall be an employee of the Bureau of Science. This sugar chemist shall fix and establish, on or before the fifteenth day of December of each year, standard samples of sugar number one, number two, number three, superior damp, and current of Ma-

nila, which shall govern as hereinafter provided during the twelve months immediately following the fifteenth of December.

SEC. 2. The sugar chemist who shall be appointed under this Act, shall be one of the chemists regularly employed in the Bureau of Science and shall receive compensation in addition to his regular salary of not over two thousand four hundred, nor less than one thousand two hundred pesos per annum, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. In fixing and establishing these samples, the sugar chemist shall take into account the degrees of polarization, the color, the hygrometric state, the granulation and the crystallization of the samples of each of the several classes of sugar fixed and established by the merchants of Manila, and accepted in the markets where Philippine sugar is sold, so far as they are known to him. Merchants may send portions of the classified samples of sugar which they receive from markets in which Philippine sugar is sold to aid him in correctly fixing and establishing standard samples, but failure to receive such samples from merchants shall not operate to prevent the sugar chemist from fixing and establishing standard samples of the different classes of sugar.

SEC. 4. It shall further be the duty of the sugar chemist to correctly classify all samples of sugar that may be delivered to the sugar-testing laboratory for classification by any person. In cases of dispute between contracting parties with respect to the classification of any sugar, any one of them may send to the sugar-testing laboratory a sample of the said sugar for its classification. The result of the classification made by the sugar chemist shall be set forth in a certified report which shall be transmitted in each case to the person sending the sample. A suitable portion of each sample of sugar, the classification of which shall have been thus fixed, shall be deposited in a glass container which shall be closed with sealing wax, on which shall be stamped the seal of the Bureau of Science, and shall be properly marked so that it can be identified, and shall be transmitted to the person sending the sample.

SEC. 5. In every case of dispute between contracting parties as to the class of sugar, a classification made by the sugar chemist, as provided in section four of this Act, shall determine the classification of the sugar in question, except when any one of the parties shall impugn the classification made by the sugar chemist and shall prove that it is incorrect.

SEC. 6. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Science is hereby authorized to fix charges for the determination of the degrees of polarization of sugar, and for the determination of its color, its hygrometric state, its granulation and its crystallization: *Provided,* That the charges so fixed shall not exceed the actual cost to the Government of performing the work.

SEC. 7. The sugar chemist may make analyses of sugar canes, of bagasse, or of mill juices, or other similar chemical investigations for private persons. The scale of charges for all such work shall be fixed by the Director of the Bureau of Science, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 586 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee to the text of the bill be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 5 and 6, strike out the words "standard samples of sugar number one, number two, number three, superior damp, and current of Manila," and insert in lieu thereof the words "standard samples of classes of sugar as they are marketed at Manila."

Section 4, page 2, line 5, strike out the word "to" at the end of the line and insert it after the word "correctly" in line 6.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act providing for the establishment of a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila, authorizing the employment of a sugar chemist, and fixing his powers and duties.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 975.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 6, 1911, was read and approved.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 140. An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven by making the provisions of the Penal Code applicable to violation of the Act.

Commission Bill No. 140 was read the third time.

Commissioner Elliott moved to strike out the word "judge" in section 1, line 6, and to insert in lieu thereof the word "court."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to strike out the conjunction "or" in section 1, line 9, and to insert in lieu thereof the word "and."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to insert after the word "capable" in section 1, line 10, the word "only."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to strike out the word "exclusively" in lines 10 and 11 of section 1.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 140 was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen Hundred and fifty-seven by providing for the confiscation and disposition of money, articles, instruments, appliances and devices used in gambling prohibited by said Act or by the municipal ordinances.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 307.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 1, 1911, resolution No. 133 of the municipal council of Ibajay, Capiz, requesting that the Legislature take such action as may be necessary in order that said municipality may change the date of the celebration of the local fiesta, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

No action is necessary on the part of the Legislature in order that the municipality of Ibajay, Capiz, may change the date of the celebration of the local fiesta in the said municipality. Act No. 2054 authorizes municipalities organized under Act No. 82 to change the dates of their local fiestas, even when said dates have been previously fixed in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1909, provided that the new change is made on or before the thirty-first of December of this year. It is therefore recommended that the municipality of Ibajay be so informed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 975.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, December 7, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 26.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 795, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission to section 1.

That the Commission substitute for its amendment to sections 3, 4, and 5, the following:

"SEC. 3. Of the gold-standard fund, as fixed in section one of this

Act, not to exceed fifty per centum may, with the prior approval of the Governor-General, be invested by the Insular Treasurer, all other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, in loans for periods not exceeding ten years to provinces and municipalities to aid in the construction of public works, particularly those of a revenue-producing character, at three per centum interest per annum: *Provided, however,* That one-half of such fifty per centum may also, with the prior approval of the Governor-General, be invested temporarily by the Insular Treasurer in loans on approved security to the Manila Railroad Company to complete sections of railroad, on the Lucena–Pagbilao, Ragay north and south, Legaspi–Tabaco, and Legaspi–Nueva Caceres lines, of not less than twenty continuous miles, as provided in section four of the Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five, entitled 'An Act to amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," and to amend an Act approved March eighth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," and to amend an Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and three, entitled "An Act to establish a standard of value and to provide for a coinage system in the Philippine Islands," and to provide for the more efficient administration of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.' The interest on such loans shall be five per centum per annum, and the time for the total payment thereof shall not exceed six months from the date of issue of the bonds of the corresponding twenty-mile section, and in no case shall exceed thirty months from the date of the loan.

"SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Insular Treasurer at the opening of each regular session of the Legislature to submit to the Governor-General a report containing a detailed account of all transactions during the preceding year under the provisions of this Act. Upon approval by the Governor-General he shall transmit a copy of the same to each House of the Philippine Legislature."

And that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That section 6 be renumbered section 5.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Managers on the Part of the Commission.
MACARIO ADRIATICO,
J. FUENTEBELLA,
V. SINGSON ENCARNACION,
Managers on the Part of the Assembly.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of

the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill Numbered Seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Number Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 308.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on the first of December, 1911, the bill (A. B. No. 809) providing for the repeal of Act No. 1625, with respect to the municipality of San Juan del Monte, Rizal, and extending the provisions of the Municipal Code and amendments thereto to said municipality, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The purpose of this bill is not very clear. It proposes the repeal of the provisions of Act No. 1625, in as far as they relate to the municipality of San Juan del Monte, Rizal, and at the same time to provide for the extension to said municipality of the provisions of the Municipal Code and amendments thereto, and that is proposing two things that are incompatible. Act No. 1625 provides for the reorganization of the pueblo of San Juan del Monte as a separate municipality by making it independent of the municipality of San Felipe Neri; and the repeal of the provisions of the said Act with respect to the municipality of San Juan del Monte would result in making the said separation ineffective and in the reincorporation of San Juan del Monte with the municipality of San Felipe Neri. That being so, when San Juan del Monte shall again have been consolidated with San Felipe Neri, the provision of the bill regarding the extension of the provisions of the Municipal Code and its amendments to the municipality of San Juan del Monte would be of no use as by that time San Juan del Monte will have ceased to exist as an independent municipality.

It follows, therefore, that the only point of the bill left to be considered is that relating to the reconsolidation of San Juan del Monte with San Felipe Neri, and as the determination of all such questions is left to the Governor-General by virtue of Act No. 1748,

there is no necessity for legislative action in this case. Therefore, it is recommended that the bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 309.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on December 6, 1911, a copy of resolution No. 47 of the convention of municipal presidents of Pangasinan Province, adopted November 11, 1911, petitioning for the enactment by the Philippine Commission of Assembly Bill No. 361, first session, Second Philippine Legislature, entitled "An Act to repeal Act Numbered Six hundred and eighty and reënact section three of Act Numbered Six hundred and fifty-five, to extend the time for the redemption of land and improvements forfeited for delinquency in the payment of the land tax, and to authorize the provincial boards to suspend the collection of said tax or remit it in any municipality or municipalities of their respective provinces, under certain conditions, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The bill referred to passed the Philippine Assembly at the first session of the Second Philippine Legislature, and when received by the Commission was laid on the table upon the recommendation of your committee. Your committee sees no reason for now taking the bill from the table, and recommends that the petition be tabled, for the reasons stated in your committee's report on the bill, to which reference is hereby made. (Report No. 209, 4 Journal, 688.)

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

MORO PROVINCE.

[Committee Report No. 310.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred on November 27, 1911, Moro council Act No. 273, entitled "An act to provide a system for the appropriation of public water and for the development and use of water power not exceeding fifty horsepower and for the determination and protection of existing rights thereto, within the Moro Province; to provide for surveys for, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of, irrigation projects by the Government of the Moro Province, for the repayment of money expended therein, for the construction of irrigation projects by private persons; and providing penalties for its violation, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that consideration of the Act be deferred pending consideration by the Philippine Legislature of a general irrigation law, which, if passed, may be extended to the Moro Province and other non-Christian territory; and, if this recommendation be adopted, it is further recommended that the Commission direct the Moro legislative council to postpone the taking effect of said Act No. 273 until March 1, 1912.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Branagan then introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 81. Whereas there has been received by the Commission for approval in accordance with Act Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-three of the legislative council of the Moro Province, entitled "An act to provide a system for the appropriation of public water and for the development and use of water power not exceeding fifty horsepower and for the determination and protection of existing rights thereto, within the Moro Province; to provide for surveys for, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of, irrigation

projects by the Government of the Moro Province, for the repayment of money expended therein, for the construction of irrigation projects by private persons; and providing penalties for its violation, and for other purposes," effective January first, nineteen hundred and twelve; and

Whereas there is now before the Philippine Legislature a General Irrigation Law, which, if passed, it may be desirable to extend to the Moro Province and other provinces inhabited by non-Christians: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the legislative council of the Moro Province is hereby directed to postpone until March first, nineteen hundred and twelve, the taking effect of Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-three, pending action of the Commission on the advisability of the approval of said Act, and that the Secretary notify the legislative council accordingly.

The resolution was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business, particularly the report of the Governor-General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 975, 976.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, December 8, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 8, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 795, entitled "An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

DECEMBER 7, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 7, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 744), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to amend articles four hundred and forty-three and four hundred and forty-six of the Penal Code, relating to the crimes of seduction and abduction.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 744 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 7, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 7, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 768), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-five, providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of municipal vice-president and councilor.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 768 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 6, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 6, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 497), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act on marriage and divorce.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 497 was read the first time by title only and referred to a select committee, consisting of Commissioners Luzuriaga, Araneta, and Palma, for report and recommendation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 143. An Act amending section nineteen of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Land Registration Act," as amended, by providing that an excutor or administrator duly appointed under the laws of the Philippine Islands may on behalf of the estate of the deceased make application for the registration of title.

Commission Bill No. 143 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, December 9, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 8, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 8, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 700), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and eight, by providing that the Court of First Instance of Ambos Camarines shall hold regular sessions in the municipality of Tigaon, of the said province.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 700 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 143. An Act amending section nineteen of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Land Registration Act," as amended, by providing that an executor or administrator duly appointed under the laws of the Philippine Islands may on behalf of the estate of the deceased make application for the registration of title.

Commission Bill No. 143 was read the third time.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 10, strike out the words "appointing or;" same section, page 3, lines 21 and 22, strike out the words "or has a power to appoint the same in fee simple" and insert in lieu thereof the words "or has power to dispose of the same in fee simple."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 143 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.

Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," heretofore postponed, was then taken up and, together with the report of the Committee on Taxation and Revenue thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 976, 977.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 18 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott (after roll call), and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, December 11, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 8, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 8, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 754), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act changing the name of the municipality of Tagle, Province of Isabela, to Angadanan.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 754 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

DECEMBER 8, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 8, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 727), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipalities of the Philippine Islands to impose in certain cases a tax on the removal, in certain quantities, of gravel, sand, and stone from the rivers by private individuals and companies, and amending in this sense section forty-three of Act Numbered eighty-two, as amended.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 727 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

CONSIDERATION OF A. J. R. NO. 14 RE REDUCTION OF EXPORT DUTY ON HEMP.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of consideration of Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight," heretofore postponed.

After some consideration,

The committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the joint resolution be referred to a select committee of three to be appointed by the President, with the request that they study this resolution in connection with the entire hemp situation, holding public hearings thereon and inviting the people interested to be heard, and report to the Commission with such recommendation as they may deem proper.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber during the consideration of the resolution.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

The President announced that he would appoint the committee later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Gilbert and Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, December 12, 1911, was read and approved.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 633 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

Commissioner Luzuriaga moved that Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," be taken from the table.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Palma and,

Being put to a vote, was carried.

Commissioner Elliott then moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first session after New Year.

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 8, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 8, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 654), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to establish a credit fund for agricultural banks.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 654 was read the first time by title only and referred to a select committee, consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Gilbert, and Branagan, for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 9, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 9, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 379), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing funds for the purchase of originals and of copies of historical documents relating to Filipinos in the Chinese Empire.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 379 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 311.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred on December 11, 1911, a copy of the resolution of the municipal council of Pulilan, Province of Bulacan, petitioning for a remission of the land tax for the year 1912, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that further consideration of the petition be deferred until some of the bills providing for a suspension or remission of the land tax, which have already been introduced in the Assembly,

come before the Commission for consideration. (A. B. No. 568, A. B. No. 574, Committee Report No. 291,[1] etc.)

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

FRIAR LANDS REPORT.

The Secretary then submitted the report of the Director of Lands on the administration of the friar estates for the month of November, 1911.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 977.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

[1] Ante p. 157.

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Gilbert and Worcester (on official business), and Commissioner Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 13, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 9, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 9, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 862), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to increase the compensation of the justice of the peace of the city of Manila.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 862 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 9, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 9, 1911, passed the following (A. C. R. No. 11), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to make contracts with two American and two Filipino newspapers for the publication of official advertisements.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber at this point.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 312.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 1, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 707, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine by granting a donation in money, to be paid from provincial funds, to families of unclassified employees, including laborers, of the provincial government, injured in the clear line of duty, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill be passed with the following amendment:

On page 1, line 14, strike out the words "their families," and insert in lieu thereof the words "the family of the deceased employee or laborer," so that section 1 of the bill shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Paragraph three of section one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

" 'To provide, in its discretion, for the payment from provincial funds of their regular compensation during the period of their disability, not exceeding ninety days, to unclassified employees of the provincial government, including laborers, when said employees or laborers are injured in the clear line of duty; the necessary expenses of medical attendance, transportation, and hospital fees for such injured employees or laborers, and in case of their death from

said injuries, their reasonable burial expenses may likewise, in the discretion of the provincial board, be paid from provincial funds; and a donation in money may be granted the family of the deceased employee or laborer in a sum, not exceeding ninety days' pay, which shall be in accord with his efficiency and services to the Government.'"

The portion of Act No. 1979 which it is intended to amend authorizes provincial boards to pay, for a period not exceeding ninety days, the regular compensation of unclassified employees and laborers in the service of the provincial government, when said employees and laborers are incapacitated for work by injuries received in the clear line of duty; but in case such employees or laborers die suddenly, as a result of such injuries, or if the lapse of time between the injury and the date of death is less than ninety days, it would either not be possible to pay compensation to such employees or laborers, or their families, or the compensation paid would necessarily be inadequate, as it would have to consist of the ordinary compensation of the employee or laborer for the short time at the expiration of which his injury caused death, since Act No. 1979, as it stands, does not authorize the payment of the compensation above mentioned on account of death, but for incapacitation for work. The consequence is that employees or laborers incapacitated for work for a longer or shorter period are treated more liberally than those who die from injuries received as mentioned. This injustice the attached bill endeavors to remedy by giving the employee or laborer who dies the same status as the one merely incapacitated for work, and granting to the family of the former a donation in a sum not exceeding ninety days' pay.

The purpose of the amendment suggested by your committee is to make it evident that the donation mentioned will be granted only to the families of employees or laborers who died, and not to those of employees or laborers incapacitated for work for more or less time.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 707 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in;

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Strike out lines 1, 2, and 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The second paragraph of subsection (*nn*) of section thirteen of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled 'The Provincial Government Act,' as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows."

Strike out in lines 13 and 14 the words "may likewise in the discretion of the provincial board be paid from provincial funds;" and strike out in lines 14 and 15 the words "may be granted" and insert in lieu thereof the word "to."

Strike out section 2 in its entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Worcester, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott (after roll call), and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Gilbert (on official business) and Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, December 14, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 15, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on December 14, 1911, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 586, entitled "An Act establishing a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila and fixing the powers and duties of the sugar chemist in charge thereof."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

DECEMBER 13, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 13, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 705), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section one hundred and seventy-four of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "The Corporation Law," and section one hundred and eighty-two thereof as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and thirty-seven of the Philippine Legislature.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 705 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 9, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 9, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 863, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act further amending sections seventy-eight and eighty-eight of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 863 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 707. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine by granting a donation in money, to be paid from provincial funds, to families of unclassified employees, including laborers, of the provincial government, injured in the clear line of duty.

Assembly Bill No. 707 was read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber at this point.

Commissioner Sumulong moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section thirteen of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled "The Provincial Government Act," as amended, by authorizing provincial boards to make a donation to the families of unclassified employees, including laborers of the provincial government, who die from injuries received in the clear line of duty.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 977, 978.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Worcester, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott (after roll call), and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Gilbert (on official business) and Commissioner Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, December 15, 1911, was read and approved.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 27.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 587, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as 'The Internal Revenue Act' and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in, tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission amend the first section of its amendment to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Paragraph one of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Rev-

enue Law of Nineteen hundred and four,' as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'1. Every brewer shall pay two hundred pesos. Every person who manufactures fermented liquors of any description for sale or delivery to others, except small manufacturers of tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors, shall be deemed a brewer. Manufacturers whose daily production does not exceed two hundred liters of tuba, bassi, tapuy or like domestic fermented liquors, shall be considered small manufacturers.'"

And that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission agree to amend section 2 of its amendment to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of said Act, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'7. Every retail dealer in fermented liquors shall pay forty pesos. Every person who for himself or on commission sells or offers for sale foreign or domestic fermented liquors in quantities of two decaliters or less at any one time shall be regarded as a retail dealer in fermented liquors, and the payment of a license tax as a wholesale or retail liquor dealer or the payment of any other license tax shall not relieve any person who sells fermented liquors from the payment of the license tax imposed in this paragraph: *Provided,* That every retail dealer in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors shall pay ten pesos.'"

And that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission agree to insert in its amendment the following as sections 4 and 5, changing the present section 4 to 6:

"SEC. 4. The second paragraph of section one hundred and forty-seven of said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'2. All license taxes, except licenses on theaters, museums, cockpits, concert halls, pawnbrokers, circuses, billiard rooms, and retail dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors.'

"SEC. 5. Section one hundred and forty-eight of said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'SEC. 148. The proceeds of the following taxes shall be for the exclusive benefit of the municipality wherein the same are assessed and collected:

"'License taxes on theaters, museums, cockpits, concert halls, pawnbrokers, circuses, billiard rooms, and retail dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors.'"

And that the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission agree to amend the title to read as follows:

"An Act amending paragraphs one, seven, and eight of section sixty-eight, section one hundred and forty-seven, and section one hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred

and four,' as amended, by defining small manufacturers of tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors, by imposing an annual license tax on retail dealers in such liquors for the benefit of the municipalities, and by amending the definition of wholesale dealers in such liquors."

And that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission in all other respects and concur in the same.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
RAFAEL ACUÑA,
VICENTE LOZADA,
JOSÉ MA. VALLE,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 587, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Act and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in, tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 10 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, December 16, 1911, was read and approved.

TELEGRAM.

The Secretary read the following telegram for the information of the Commission:

WASHINGTON, *December 15, 1911.*

FORBES, *Manila:*

Philippine Railway anxious to close construction account. Cannot Cebu and Iloilo lines be declared completed? Tell Poland see letter from Swift, October fourth. Will Legislature at this session relieve company of construction Negros branch?

EDWARDS.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 587, entitled

"An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Act and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers of, and merchants and dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

DECEMBER 11, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 11, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 611, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: The Irrigation Law.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 611 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 11, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 11, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 655, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes," for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 655 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 14, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 14, 1911, passed the following resolution (A. J. R. No. 33), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Joint Resolution requiring the committee on the construction of the Capitol created by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-one, to make its report to the Legislature as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Elliott, chairman of the Committee on the Construction of the Capitol, as a select committee for report and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see pp. 978, 979.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott (after roll call), and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Worcester (on official business) and Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, December 18, 1911, was read and approved.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary read the following communication for the information of the Commission:

MANILA, *December 19, 1911.*

GENTLEMEN: We are in receipt of the following cablegram from Mr. M. F. Loewenstein:

"A powerful French syndicate will organize agricultural bank according to Act of Congress 1907, on condition that American banks will coöperate. Can secure coöperation Boston parties, who insist upon following conditions: That the Government will transfer the business of the present bank, and Legislature will give charter with full power authorized by Congress. Ascertain as soon as possible if it is possible."

In accordance with Mr. Loewenstein's request, we beg to inquire whether the Philippine Government would favor the establishment

of an agricultural bank under the conditions proposed and in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 4, 1907. We understand, of course, that legislative action will be necessary to carry into effect this or any other plan for the establishment of a private agricultural bank, but apparently it is the desire of the Boston capitalists interested in the matter to ascertain before proceeding further whether a proposal such as that outlined in the above cablegram would be favorably received.

We have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

BRUCE, LAWRENCE, ROSS & BLOCK.

The Honorable
GOVERNOR-GENERAL and
PHILIPPINE COMMISSION,
Manila.

Ordered referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Elliott entered the Session Chamber at this point.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 313.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on December 16, 1911, resolution No. 153 of the convention of municipal presidents, Province of Antique, recommending the enactment of the bill providing for the free distribution of text-books to the pupils of the public primary and intermediate schools, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this resolution be laid on the table.

This resolution merely indorses a law which appears to have been introduced into the Assembly. Until this law has been referred to your committee for study, it has no information upon which to base a report.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 314.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on November 10, 1911, a copy of a proposed Act, entitled "An Act to amend section one hundred and twenty-one, as amended, of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen Hundred and Four,' by providing that residents of provinces organized under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'The Special Provincial Government Act,' shall pay a cedula tax of two pesos, repealing subsections (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*) of section nineteen of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, and for other purposes," has examined the same, has read the letter of the Collector of Internal Revenue written under date of August 22, 1911, transmitting said draft and recommending its passage, and has the honor to recommend that it be laid on the table. Your committee has already reported on Assembly Bill No. 577, covering substantially this same matter.

Your committee has already reported its reasons for believing the public improvement tax to be of vital importance to the special government provinces and has recorded the reasons for opposing the substitution of this tax by the double cedula tax.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 979.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, December 19, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 18, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed with amendment, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof."

The bill, with amendment certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendment is as follows:

Section 1, page 1, line 9, strike out the word "three" and insert in lieu thereof the word "two."

Same section, same page, line 10, strike out the words "one-fifth" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two-fifths."

Same section, same page, line 14, strike out the words "two-fifths" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one-fifth."

Same section, same page, same line, strike out the word "two" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

Same section, page 2, line 1, strike out the words "one-fifth" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two-tenths."

Same section, same page, line 2, strike out the words "one-fifth" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one-tenth."

Same section, same page, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "three-fifths" and insert in lieu thereof the words "seven-tenths."

Ordered referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 683), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de San José, in the barrio of Tabontabon, of the said municipality, from Calle Real to Bureau of Lands monument number one, the boundary of the municipal property, as shown on the plan prepared by said Bureau, for school purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 683 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 684), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Raquel, in the Barrio of Guinarola, of said municipality, beginning at Calle San Francisco and thence fifty-eight meters and

sixty-eight centimeters toward the northeast part of said barrio, for school purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 684 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 686), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Burauen, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Santa Barbara, in the poblacion of said municipality, the section to be closed to have an approximate length of thirty-five meters and be bounded on the north by Calle de San Agustin and on the south by Calle del Santo Niño, for school purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 686 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 698, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Leyte, in the Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to order closed a certain portion of Calles de Rawis, Amparo, and Gabaldon, for the purpose of enabling said municipality to avail itself of the benefits of the Gabaldon Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 698 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 734, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Rizal which divides a piece of land set aside for school purposes belonging to said municipality in the barrio of Pastrana into two parcels, in order that said street may be used for said purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 734 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 315.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government and to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be approved, with the following amendment: that sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the proposed bill be stricken out and the following substituted:

"SECTION 1. All reports and statements covering the fiscal year heretofore required by law to be rendered annually by any officer of the Government of the Philippine Islands or of any branch thereof or of the government of any political division or subdivision of the Philippine Islands, shall be rendered during the month of January of each year and shall cover the twelve months ending December the thirty-first immediately preceding. This section is hereby specifically made to apply to January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

"SEC. 2. The fiscal year of the Government of the Philippine Islands or of any branch thereof and of the government of any political

division or subdivision of the Philippine Islands, shall be the period beginning with the first day of January and ending with the thirty-first day of December of each calendar year.

"SEC. 3. Wherever in any public law of the Philippine Islands any word or expression is used which hitherto has been construed to mean or to refer to a fiscal year ending with the thirtieth day of June, the same shall hereafter be construed to mean or to refer to a fiscal year as hereinbefore defined, when applied to any period of twelve months after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and eleven; and wherever the words 'thirtieth day of June' appear as denoting the last day of the fiscal year, the words 'thirty-first day of December' shall be considered as substituted for the same purposes of construction.

"SEC. 4. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

This bill has for its object: (1), To make the Insular fiscal year coincident with the calendar year; (2), to make uniform the time for rendering annual reports of officers throughout the different branches of the Government.

The reasons for the proposed change are apparent when it is realized that at the present time the municipal and provincial fiscal years are coincident with the calendar year, while the Insular fiscal year begins July first. In all reports of the general government, therefore, when dealing with the accounts and reports of municipal and provincial governments, the information is not complete for the Insular fiscal year but deals with an entirely different year which has ended six months previously. The disadvantage of this is plainly shown in the Auditor's report. It would appear also that such a change would be particularly desirable for the reason that there would be ample time to get all reports in printed form to Washington in time to be included in the report of the Secretary of War to Congress in December of the same year. The annual meeting of the Legislature is in October, a convenient time at which to make appropriations for the new year commencing January first. Another matter that may be considered in this connection is that the higher officers of the Government desire to take their leave ordinarily between March and October, necessarily leaving the preparation of their reports to their subordinate officers one year out of each three or four.

The authorities at Washington have been communicated with by the undersigned and concur in the proposed change.

The objections to this bill deal mostly with the inconvenience that might be caused by ending the present fiscal year on December 31, 1911, instead of June 30, 1912. These inconveniences could easily be dealt with if it were only a question of annual reports that had

to be considered. The great objection that may be urged is the possibility of the fiscal year ending before an appropriation bill is made by the present Legislature, whose session ends in February, thus bringing about a condition, for a month or so, in which no appropriation had been made for the current expenses of the Government. The Auditor, who is heartily in favor of the proposed change, has fully considered this possibility and believes that there will be no difficulty in handling this situation. Congress has made provision for meeting the expenses of the Government where the Legislature fails to provide for the same, until the Legislature shall properly act. The Government would therefore only have to fall back on the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, section 7 of which provides that the Insular Treasurer may, with the advice of the Governor-General, make payments for the support of the Government in an amount not in excess of the sums appropriated by the last Legislature where it has made provision by specific appropriation for that purpose. When the appropriation bill is passed, say for example in the following February, it will be easy to provide that the sums appropriated for the Government are for the fiscal year beginning January first and that such sums as have heretofore been paid out for government purposes under the authority of the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, shall be deducted from the amounts appropriated by the appropriation bill.

In making the proposed change, the Government of the Philippine Islands will be following the tendency of the United States to carry periods of reporting and accounting so that the fiscal year corresponds with the calendar year. It will simplify reports to a very large extent and will finally do away with the present incongruity of having two different fiscal years in the same government and the consequent misunderstandings that will always arise.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Commission Bill No. 35 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

[Committee Report No. 316.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Moro council Act No. 272, entitled "An act to provide a special form of government for the municipality of Zamboanga and amending the Municipal Code of the Moro Province in its application to said municipality," and Moro council Act No. 274, entitled "An act to amend Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-two of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to provide a special form of Government for the municipality of Zamboanga and amending the Municipal Code of the Moro Province in its application to said municipality,' by postponing the date whereon the same shall take effect," has examined the said Acts and has the honor to report them back to the Commission with the recommendation that they be approved.

The Acts are in proper form and the passage thereof deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the Moro legislative council.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-two of the legislative council of the Moro Province, passed September fifteenth, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An act to provide a special form of government for the municipality of Zamboanga and amending the Municipal Code of the Moro Province in its application to said municipality," and Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-four of the legislative council of the Moro Province, passed October twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-two of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to provide a special form of government for the municipality

of Zamboanga and amending the Municipal Code of the Moro Province in its application to said municipality,' by postponing the date whereon the same shall take effect," be, and the same hereby are, approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 144. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-nine, by authorizing the expenditure for permanent improvements of funds appropriated by said Act for current expenses.

Commission Bill No. 144 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass, with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 12, before the words "chiefs of Bureaus" insert the words "provincial boards or."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by inserting after the words "Two thousand and sixty-nine" the words "entitled 'An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the provincial governments of Agusan, Nueva Vizcaya, and the Mountain Province, for Insular expenses in the said provinces and the Moro Province for the period ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and adding to the purposes for which the money appropriated by section five of Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-two may be used.' "

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 144 be enrolled and

printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 145. An Act making applicable to that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, Acts of the Philippine Legislature Numbered Two thousand and eighty-two, Two thousand and eighty-three, and Two thousand and eighty-five, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 145 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 979.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Worcester (on official business) and Luzuriaga (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 20, 1911, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 661, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 661 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 638, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 638 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President stated to the Commission that the grantee of the franchise to operate a gas system in Manila, provided for by Act No. 2039, having failed to comply with the conditions of said Act, he, as Governor-General, had, in accordance with authority given him by section nineteen of said Act, advertised the gas franchise for sale and received a bid from the Schweizerische Gasgesellschaft, Zurich, Switzerland, which was judged to be advantageous to the public, and that said franchise had been awarded to them.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 35 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government and to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date in Committee of the Whole was, on motion by the President, postponed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL (OUT OF ORDER).

By unanimous consent, Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill out of order:

Commission Bill No. 146. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-seven, entitled "An Act providing for the investment of a portion of the accretions to the gold-standard fund in loans to the provinces and municipalities in the territory inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes for certain purposes in securities authorized for the investment of funds of the postal Savings Bank, and in interest-bearing bonds to assist in the construction of sugar centrals, and for other purposes," so as to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorize the deposit of the amount of the excess so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorize the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund.

Commission Bill No. 146 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 2, line 28, strike out the words "four per centum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "three per centum."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION BILL NO. 145 IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 145, entitled "An Act making applicable to that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, Acts of the Philippine Legislature Numbered Two thousand and eighty-two, Two thousand and eighty-three, and Two thousand and eighty-five, and for other purposes."

After some consideration, the committee rose and reported

with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, strike out lines 12 to 16 on page 1, and lines 1 and 2 on page 2, relating to Act No. 2083.

Section 2, strike out in its entirety.

Section 3, change number to 2 and amend to read as follows: "This Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act making applicable to that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, Acts of the Philippine Legislature Numbered Two thousand and eighty-two and Two thousand and eighty-five.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 145 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 146. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-seven, entitled "An Act providing for the investment of a portion of the accretions to the gold-standard fund in loans to the provinces and municipalities in the territory inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes for certain purposes in securities authorized for the investment of funds of the Postal Savings Bank, and in interest-bearing bonds to assist in the construction of sugar centrals, and for other purposes," so as to fix the amount of the gold-standard

fund created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorize the deposit of the amount of the excess so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorize the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried, Commission Bill No. 146 was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 146 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 317.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on December 13, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 379, entitled "An Act providing funds for the purchase of originals and of copies of historical documents relating to Filipinos in the Chinese Empire," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do not pass.

While it might be possible to obtain some documents which might be of interest, your committee is of the opinion that the Library Board already has the authority to purchase any records of this kind if they be discovered, and probably will be able to spare from its appropriation the amount carried by the bill and, therefore, the necessity for the passage of this bill does not seem to exist.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Gilbert and Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, December 21, 1911, was read and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

The President announced the appointment of Commissioner Branagan, chairman, and Commissioners Araneta and Sumulong, members, of the committee provided for by the Commission on December 12, 1911, to consider Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight."

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 874, in which it requests the concurrence of the

Commission: An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 874 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 18, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 18, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 894, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the administration, maintenance, and improvement of irrigation systems appurtenant to the so-called friar lands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 894 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 717, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, by extending the provisions thereof to employees of municipal treasurers who are deputies of the provincial treasurer.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 717 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on

Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 705.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, Assembly Bill No. 705, entitled "An Act amending section one hundred and seventy-four of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law' and section one hundred and eighty-two thereof as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and thirty-seven of the Philippine Legislature," referred on December 15, 1911, to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, was recalled from said committee and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice as a matter more properly coming within the jurisdiction of the latter committee.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON COMMISSION BILL NO. 35.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to continue the consideration of Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government and to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year."

After some consideration, the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the amendments recommended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General be concurred in with the following amendment:

Transpose sections 1 and 2, striking out of the latter the words "during the month of January of each year" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "as soon as practicable after the first of January of each year;" and striking out the words "this section is hereby specifically made to apply to January, nineteen hundred and twelve" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the reports rendered in January of nineteen hundred and twelve shall cover the six months beginning July first, nineteen hundred and eleven."

And that as so amended the bill be passed.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

The President moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year and to fix the time for making annual reports by officers of the different branches of the Government.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 318.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on December 12, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 754, entitled "An Act changing the name of the municipality of Tagle, Province of Isabela, to Angadanan," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be passed by the Commission as presented by the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Assembly Bill No. 754 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 147. An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor.

Commission Bill No. 147 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 148. An Act to amend section eight of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law, enacted March first, nineteen hundred and six, and section seventeen of said Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fourty-four, and further amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and ninety-five, so as to provide for the fees to be collected for the filing of the articles of incorporation, and for the increasing or diminution of the capital stock.

Commission Bill No. 148 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Strike out section 3 in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to amend sections eight and seventeen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law, as amended, by providing a scale of fees to be collected for the filing of articles of incorporation and for the filing of certificates of increase of capital stock.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Nieva, Del Rosario, and Salazar.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference

requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, and Sumulong be the managers on the part of the Commission, and that the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 979.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1911.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 11 o'clock antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and the President.

Absent: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, and Elliott (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, December 22, 1911, was read and approved.

TELEGRAM.

The Secretary read the following telegram for the information of the Commission:

WASHINGTON, *December 21, 1911.*

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION and
the PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY, *Manila:*
Season's greeting.

LEGARDA and QUEZON.

Ordered filed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 23, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 908, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making December twenty-seventh of each year

the date for the celebration of the local fiesta of Gumaca, Province of Tayabas.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 908 was read the first and second times.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

DECEMBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 23, 1911, passed the following Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Concurrent Resolution providing that the Assembly adjourn on December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and eleven, to meet again on January second, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12 was read the first and second times.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The resolution was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "Assembly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Legislature."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Araneta then moved to amend the title by striking out the word "Assembly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Legislature."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

DECEMBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 23, 1911, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12, entitled "Concurrent Resolution providing that the Assembly adjourn on December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and eleven, to meet again on January second, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on December 21, 1911, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to the Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention," with amendment, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested.

The bill with amendment certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendment is as follows:

Insert before the words "Subject to the approval of the Governor-General" the following:

"The decision of the board awarding the prize shall entitle the successful inventor to a patent of invention for the term of thirty years, and to that end the chief of the division of archives, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau shall issue the proper patent upon presentation of a certified copy of said decision," so that section two shall read as follows:

"SEC. 2. A technical board, consisting of seven members appointed

by the Governor-General, shall pass upon and decide to which of the inventors who compete shall be awarded the prize granted by this Act, or, in case the roofing invented does not possess the properties described in the next preceding section, it shall declare no award. The decision of the board awarding the prize shall entitle the successful inventor to a patent of invention for the term of thirty years and to that end the chief of the division of archives, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau shall issue the proper patent upon presentation of a certified copy of said decision. Subject to the approval of the Governor-General, the board provided for in this section shall prescribe the form and conditions upon which the competition shall be conducted, and shall determine the same: *Provided, however*, That in case the board deems it advisable it may, in its discretion, declare the use of the roofing invented to be economical where it shall exceed the cost price of nipa by not more than twenty per centum."

Ordered referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 18, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 18, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 884), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act facilitating the adjudication and registration of titles to lands in the Philippine Islands which are provided with títulos reales duly issued by the Spanish Government, and appropriating twenty-five thousand pesos a year for the judiciary to take the place of the fees abolished by this Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 884 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 16, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 16, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 653), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resin, stone, earth, and other forest products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment

of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 653 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 19, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 19, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 737, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code" by changing the scale of salaries for municipal officials.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 737 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 18, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 18, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 662, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the Director of Labor to commence and carry on civil and criminal actions on behalf of the working classes; to employ the services of the prosecuting officers of the Government in such actions; creating the position of law clerk in the said Bureau of Labor, fixing the salary of said position, and making an appropriation therefor.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 662 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 20, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 777, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section seventeen of Act Numbered Seven hundred and three and section seventeen of Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty-four and extending the provisions thereof to the railroad from Manila to Dagupan and to the railroad franchises granted by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and Fifteen hundred and ten.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 777 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 147 IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date,

Consideration was postponed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 319.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 19, 1911, a communication from Messrs. Bruce, Lawrence, Ross & Block in regard to the establishment of a private agricultural bank, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The Philippine Commission as well as the experts, Messrs. Conant and Kemmerer, who studied the question of establishing an agricultural bank in these Islands, were of the opinion that such a bank should not be a Government bank. They recommended not the creation or establishment of an agricultural bank by the Government but that authority be given to private individuals to do so, the Government to guarantee a certain interest on the capital invested. In accordance with the repeated recommendations of the Philippine Commission, the Congress of the United States, on March 4, 1907, passed an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment

of an agricultural bank in the Philippine Islands." All efforts, however, to induce American capital to establish a bank under the terms of said Act were unavailing. The Philippine Legislature then passed Act No. 1865 creating the present Government Agricultural Bank, managed by Government officials and having a capital of one million pesos.

The amount of business done by the Agricultural Bank so far has been small, only one-half of the capital having been utilized. It may be said, however, that it has been a success, since, contrary to all predictions, there has been not only no danger of losing the capital, but at the close of the present year its accounts show a net profit of more than one hundred thousand pesos. Notwithstanding this, I see no objection to the establishment of an agricultural bank by a private company under the terms of the Act of Congress above mentioned, and to transferring to such bank all the business of the present Agricultural Bank, with, however, the following limitations:

First. That the capital of the bank, the interest on which should be guaranteed by the Government, be limited, at first, to a stated amount, say one million pesos, which should be increased as demands for loans increase.

Second. That the interest on loans guaranteed by property registered under Act No. 496, being the "Land Registration Act," shall not exceed 8 per cent per annum, in accordance with the rule established by the present Agricultural Bank.

Third. That the company establishing such a bank shall not have an exclusive privilege.

If a bank of this character is to be established it should be done at once. It might be that after the present bank had enlarged its business and established in many provinces agencies which would in a measure be used by the people as commercial banks, it would not be advisable to transfer its business to a private bank.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 320.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 22, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 705, entitled "An Act amending section one hundred and seventy-four of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law' and section one hundred and eighty-two thereof as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and thirty-seven of the Philipine Legislature," has

examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it pass.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Assembly Bill No. 705 was thereupon read the second time by title only and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 979–982.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President on January 2, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, and Sumulong.

Absent: The President, Commissioners Palma and Branagan (excused), and Commissioner Elliott (on official business).

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, December 23, 1911, was read and approved.

RECONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION BILL NO. 35.

Commissioner Araneta moved reconsideration of the vote whereby Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year and to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government," was passed on December 22, 1911.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sumulong, and, being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

Further consideration of said bill was thereupon postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MANILA, *December 22, 1911.*

GENTLEMEN: There is a strong probability that a congressional committee will visit the Philippine Islands to study conditions here and be prepared to make recommendations to Congress. In view of the great changes which have taken place in the personnel of the House of Representatives of the United States as a result of the last election, the visit of this committee may be a matter of very considerable importance to the Philippine Islands, and it is respectfully recommended that a reasonable amount of money be made available for the payment of the expenses of entertainment and travel of such committee in case it comes, precedent for such an appropriation being found in Act 1416, which appropriated the sum of ₱45,000 for the traveling expenses and entertainment of the party of the Secretary of War. It is the opinion of the undersigned that an appropriation of ₱30,000 would be sufficient to meet all probable expenses.

Respectfully,

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 23, 1911, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 120, entitled "An Act to amend section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment of the Province of Batanes; to amend paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine in certain particulars; to authorize the provincial board of the Province of Batanes, with the approval of the Governor-General, to extend the time for the payment without penalty of taxes and licenses; to amend section five of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "The Election Law," by increasing the number of Delegates to the Philippine Assembly to eighty-one, and for other purposes,' by providing for a provincial fiscal for the Province of Batanes, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 120 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 20, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 824, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 824 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 21, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 755), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to amend sections fifty-five, sixty-six, and one hundred and twenty-three of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 755 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 18, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 18, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 893, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending certain sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty relating to the administration, temporary lease, and sale of certain haciendas and lands, commonly known as friar lands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 893 was read

the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 20, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 681, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act prohibiting the entry or introduction, under certain conditions, of every kind of large cattle into the Island of Catanduanes, Province of Albay, and establishing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 681 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 21, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 319, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the establishment of a school for foremen of public works.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 319 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 20, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 889, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit, suspend, or postpone the payment, without penalty, of the land tax, in whole or in part, in their respective provinces during the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and appropriating the sum of one million three hundred and forty-five thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse to the provinces and municipalities the amounts collected

by them from land taxes during the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 889 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 20, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 20, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 888, in which it requests the concurrencè of the Commission: An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit the collection of the land tax for the years nineteen hundred and two, nineteen hundred and three, nineteen hundred and four, and nineteen hundred and five, under certain conditions, and extending the time for the redemption of lands and improvements which have been sold for delinquency in the payment of the land tax.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 888 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 21, 1911, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 710, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act conveying certain agricultural lands under certain conditions to the municipalities of the Philippines.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 710 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

DECEMBER 23, 1911.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on December 23, 1911, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 660), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that thirty per centum of the amount collected annually for road funds be employed exclusively in the repair of roads within municipalities and that said funds be placed at the disposal of municipal councils.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 660 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

SPECIAL ORDER POSTPONED.

Consideration of Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," made a special order for this date, was, by unanimous consent, postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION BILL NO. 147 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date in Committee of the Whole, consideration was postponed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 321.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on November 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 145, entitled "An Act to amend section ten of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An

Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,' as amended by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and sixty-five, by reducing the charge for certificates of registration of large cattle," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid upon the table.

The matter covered in this bill has been incorporated in Commission Bill No. 25, which your committee has at present under consideration, and upon which a report will be rendered.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 82. Whereas a survey of certain additional lots in Baguio town-site subdivision has been made; and

Whereas the Director of Lands has submitted a plan of the survey of said lots: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the survey and plat presented by the Director of Lands of lots numbered forty-three, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, and fifty-one, residence section A, be, and the same are hereby, approved as an amendment to the plan approved by the Philippine Commission, May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and six.

Resolved further, That the Director of Lands be, and hereby is, directed to submit to the Commission a special report relative to the restrictions that shall be placed upon the lots herein mentioned, and that none of said lots shall be sold until the restrictions are approved by the Commission.

The resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then read a communication from the municipal president of Pasig, Rizal, conveying to the Commission, on behalf of the municipal council, greetings of the season.

Ordered acknowledged and filed.

REPORT OF PHILIPPINES LIBRARY BOARD.

The Secretary submitted the annual report of the Philippines Library Board for the fiscal year 1911.

Ordered filed.

TELEGRAM.

The Secretary read, for the information of the Commission, the following telegram:

WASHINGTON, *December 26, 1911.*

FORBES, *Manila:*

Referring to telegram from this office of the fifteenth instant, referring to telegram from your office of the nineteenth instant, company anxious permanent relief from Negros line. Will Legislature grant relief this session?

EDWARDS.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 982, 983.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Palma (excused).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 2, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER POSTPONED.

Consideration of Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," made a special order for this date, was, on motion by Commissioner Gilbert, postponed until the next meeting of the Commission, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 147 IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain

corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor."

After some consideration, the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police with the request to redraft it as an amendment of the Corporation Law.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

AMENDMENT AND PASSAGE OF COMMISSION BILL NO. 35.

Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year and to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government," reconsidered on January 2, 1912, was then taken up.

Commissioner Gilbert moved the following amendment:

Strike out section 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 5. The fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve shall end on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eleven. The fiscal year beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall be known as the new fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve, and thereafter fiscal years shall each be known by the name of the calendar year."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Add the following as section 6:

"SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on its passage."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 3, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," made a special order for this date, was then taken up for consideration.

Commissioner Luzuriaga moved that the same be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed.

The President returned to the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 3, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 3, 1912, passed the following Joint Resolution No. 34, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Joint Resolution creating a select joint committee to investigate the crisis in rice and other food grains and to recommend to the Philippine Legislature the adoption of new measures to avert the consequences thereof.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 34 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Line 7, strike out the words "as soon as possible" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not later than January twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Add at the end of the resolution the words "Such committee shall serve without compensation."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The resolution was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolution, the roll was called and the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 322.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 20, 1911, the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and

apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the Commission disagree to the amendment of the Assembly and request a conference with the Assembly thereon.

The amendment made by the Assembly merely changes the proportion of the taxes which shall be paid to the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

The report was adopted, and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission disagree to the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill Numbered One hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof," and request a conference with the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Elliott, Luzuriaga, and Sumulong be the managers on the part of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 323.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 24, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 613, entitled "An Act establishing the office of provincial engineer, amending The Provincial Government Act and amendments thereto," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

This bill aims at the complete elimination from Insular super-

vision of all public works constructed in the provinces. Under its provisions the preparation of all plans, the type of construction to be employed and the method of carrying on work would be left entirely with the provincial engineer, his responsibility being to the provincial board only. This would defeat the present Government policy under which a systematic plan for the construction of public works is made possible. It would result in thirty-one independent construction units in which each unit would have absolute control within the limits of its territory, which would be a reversion to the conditions existing when the old Supervisor Law was in effect. It would mean variance in engineering standards, poor discipline in the field, and much inferior work.

In addition to the results obtained under the present organization, which in itself demonstrates the effectiveness of central supervision, one of the strongest arguments in favor of such supervision lies in the attitude that is being taken by numerous State governments in the United States at the present time. Where previously road betterment and maintenance was left to county and road district organizations, State supervision has now been adopted by practically every State where extensive construction work is being carried on, and a State highway commission created with highway engineers employed for the supervision of all road and bridge work. The amount of money annually expended on road and bridge work in many of these States is less than the expenditure for similar work in the Philippines.

While the proposed law purports to provide for a provincial engineer, in effect it creates a condition under which no engineer would accept employment. The mere fact that engineers' salaries might be decreased or the position declared vacant, at the option of the provincial board, would prevent an engineer from accepting such position, even at the maximum salary provided for in the Act. The Bureau is able to hold its best foremen at present only through the inducement of offering permanent employment; engineers, with a greater demand for their services in all parts, all the more require such inducement. The bill practically withdraws from the civil service engineering and skilled labor positions and in turn with ten months' services requires temporary employees to be provided with a civil-service position.

The bill also contemplates the Bureau of Public Works holding a sufficient number of engineers in reserve, permitting provincial boards, by resolution, to "request the services of one or more engineers from the Burgau of Pubilc Works" without making provision for the training of such engineers, the cost of securing such engineers, and the payment of their salaries while held in reserve. An engineer's services in a provincial position only become of real value after a year or more of training in provincial work. The

proposed law would provide for no such training. At present assistant engineers are assigned to such provinces where, under the supervision of district engineers, they will best develop for important provincial work. So far as possible appointments to district positions are now made from this source.

In engineering, men specialize on road construction, structural steel designing, foundations, concrete designing, field engineering, etc., as men in most other professions specialize. Engineers available for provincial assignment, as a rule, require several years' experience before developing along either one of these lines. Proficiency in all of them would require a lifetime of experience and then such cases would be very exceptional. This will readily explain why better results obtain from central supervision under which a special structural steel designer prepares all steel structure plans, a concrete specialist prepares all concrete structure plans, and the strongest field engineers are designated for field supervision work. Even under these conditions a small percentage of failures will always result by reason of the fact that engineering economy prohibits allowing safety factors in such proportion as would secure work against all possible contingencies. What the percentage of loss would be under the proposed law is best indicated by the results obtained under the old Supervisor Law, and before the passage of Act No. 1401.

There are various other details in which the bill is defective, but in view of the vital objections to any bill of this character, it is not necessary to refer to them.

The purposes which the authors of the bill seek to bring about have been realized by the recent administrative reorganization within the Bureau of Public Works, which will result in the decentralization of the Bureau, without lowering the engineering standards which have been adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 324.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on December 18, 1911, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33, entitled "Joint Resolution requiring the Committee on the Construction of the Capitol, created by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred

and forty-one, to make its report to the Legislature as soon as possible," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

There appears to be no necessity for passing this resolution, as all the information desired is readily accessible to anyone who cares to ask for it. The committee, of which the undersigned has the honor to be president, has pushed the work of preparation as rapidly as seemed necessary and desirable under the circumstances. An architect was brought from the United States, who has been devoting substantially all his time to the work of preparing plans for the Capitol buildings. Some months since the basic plans for the building were approved by the committee, and Mr. Parsons, the Consulting Architect, took them to the United States for consultation with Mr. Burnham. Since his return the work has been going forward. About a month ago Mr. Parsons was instructed to have the plans ready for submission to the Legislature at the present session, not later, if possible, than the midle of January. It is therefore recommended that the Commission do not concur in the proposed joint resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 325.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on December 13, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 654, entitled "An Act to establish a credit fund for agricultural banks," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of this is to create a fund to be known as the "credit fund for agricultural banks," to be loaned out in sums of ₱500,000 at 4 per cent per annum to any person or corporation establishing an agricultural bank at any place in the Philippine Islands, and appropriating annually for not more than five years the sum of ₱500,000 for such purpose. Your committee sees no necessity for such legislation, in view of the fact that the Government has already established an agricultural bank for the purpose of assisting farmers in all parts of the Islands, and up to the present time about one-half of this bank's capital has been loaned out. Moreover, by the passage of this bill a large amount of Government funds would be tied up in case no person or corporation decided to establish an agricultural bank. A bill similar to the present one, except that it limited the establishment of agricultural

banks to Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, was introduced at the last session of the Legislature and was laid on the table. (See Committee Report No. 174, p. 549, Commission Journal No. 4.)

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 149. An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the Philippine Islands.

Commission Bill No. 149 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendments:

Strike out the subject headings to the sections throughout the bill.

Section 2, page 2, line 22, after the words "shall be" and before the word "residents" insert the words "citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands and;" and insert the word "three" in the blank space in line 26.

Section 5, page 3, line 11, before the word "cause" insert the word "sufficient."

Section 6, page 3, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. Every person appointed as a member of the Board shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath or affirmation for the faithful performance of his duties."

Section 7, page 4, lines 8 and 9, strike out the words "one paper published in Manila in English and one published in Manila in a native dialect," and insert in lieu thereof the words "two papers published in Manila for."

Section 12, line 23, strike out the word "male;" and in line 24, strike out the words "these Islands" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the Philippine Islands."

Section 14, page 6, line 10, strike out the word "male."

Section 16, page 7, strike out the words "and shall collect and

account for all fees and moneys and for all expenditures, payments and outlays in accordance with instructions from the Auditor" and insert in lieu thereof the words "and shall collect and pay into the Treasury all fees and moneys so received and account therefor to the Insular Auditor."

Section 21, pages 8 and 9, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. Members of said Board shall serve without compensation."

Section 22, page 9, strike out in its entirety.

Section 23, page 9, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized, subject to existing provisions of law, to furnish the necessary books, forms, supplies, and equipment for the proper conduct of the business of the Board, and to provide a place for its meetings and examinations."

Section 24, page 9, change number to 23, and on page 11, strike out subsections (*j*) and (*k*) in their entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file, for third reading.

The President, at this point, reëntered the Session Chamber, and resumed the chair.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 326.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, that part of the message of the Governor-General of October 16, 1911, relating to a commercial shipping bill, etc., has the honor to report as follows:

That the accompanying bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up.

Commission Bill No. 150. An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, the adjudication of wage

disputes in certain cases, the relief of distressed seamen, the settlement of the estates of deceased seamen, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 150 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 983.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Therupon, at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumlong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

Absent: Commissioner Worcester (on official business).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, January 4, 1912, was read and approved.

The President left the Session Chamber during the reading of the Journal and Commissioner Gilbert assumed the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 4, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 4, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 34, entitled "Joint Resolution creating a select joint committee to investigate the crisis in rice and other food grains and to recommend to the Philippine Legislature the adoption of new measures to avert the consequences thereof."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

JANUARY 4, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendments to Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal govern-

ments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof," disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Paredes, Reyes, and Tupas.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the conference committee on Commission Bill No. 116.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 149. An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the Philippine Islands.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 149 was read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 327.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred the application of the authorities of the Moro Province to have lot numbered seventy-three of the Davao townsite survey declared a reservation for the use of the Moro Province for provincial purposes, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the resolution accompanying the same was read as follows:

Commission Resolution No. 83. *Resolved,* That in accordance with

section forty of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six the following-described land situated in the Davao District of the Moro Province, and known as lot numbered seventy-three of the Davao townsite survey, and being the lot on which the building occupied by the municipal government of Davao is located, is hereby reserved for the use of the government of the Moro Province, for provincial purposes, to wit:

Beginning at point marked one on plan, S. 86° 55′ W. 8.15 m. from monument No. 15, thence S. 38° 31′ W. 39.2 m. to point 2; N. 55° 58′ W. 52.93 m. to point 3; S. 37° 31′ W. 68.7 m. to point 4; N. 60° 11′ W. 50.81 m. to point 5; N. 28° 09′ E. 120.18 m. to point 6; S. 52° 10′ E. 123.42 m. to point 1, point of beginning; containing nine thousand one hundred and twenty-two square meters; same being bounded on the northeast by San Pedro Street; on the southeast by Market Street and property of Prudencio Chicote; on the southwest by Magallanes Street, and on the northwest by Bolton Street.

Bearings true. Declination, 2° 34′ east.

Points referred to marked on plan II-3460-a.

Surveyed, June-August, nineteen hundred and eight.

Approved, September twentieth, nineteen hundred and ten.

A true copy approved November seventh, nineteen hundred and eleven.

The resolution was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 328.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which were referred on December 20, 1911, Assembly Bills No. 683, 684, 686, 698, and 734, authorizing certain municipalities of the Province of Leyte to close certain streets therein for school purposes, has examined the same and has the honor to report them back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bills be laid on the table, and instead thereof that the following bill be passed:

"An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as The Municipal Code, by authorizing municipal councils to close municipal roads, streets, alleys, parks, or squares for governmental purposes.

"*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

"SECTION 1. Paragraph (*c*) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as the Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"'(*c*) To purchase, receive, hold, sell, lease, convey and dispose of property, real and personal, for the benefit of the municipality, provided that the express authorization of the provincial governor shall be necessary to alienate or constitute any lien upon any real

property of the municipality, and, with the prior authorization of the Governor-General, to close in whole or in part any municipal road, street, alley, park, or square, and to devote the same to any municipal purpose, including those mentioned in Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and one, or to convey the same, with or without money consideration, to the province or to the Insular Government for governmental purposes: *Provided, however,* That no road, street, alley, park, or square, or any part thereof, shall be closed without paying due indemnity to any person prejudiced thereby.' "

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the bill accompanying the same (C. B. No. 151) was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

At this point the President returned to the Session Chamber and resumed the chair.

The bill was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 329.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 1, 1911, Assembly amendment to Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the amendment of the Assembly be disagreed to and a conference requested.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission disagree to the amendment

of the Assembly to Commission Bill Numbered One hundred and twenty-eight, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law,'" and request a conference with the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Elliott, Palma, and Branagan be the managers on the part of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 330.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendments:

Section 2, page 1, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The power to grant appropriations of public waters that have been or are under the control of the Insular Government under the laws now in force, is hereby vested in the Secretary of Commerce and Police, in accordance with the provisions of this law, upon the recommendation and approval of the Irrigation Council hereinafter created.

"An Irrigation Council is hereby created, which shall consist of five members, to wit: the Secretary of Commerce and Police, who shall be ex officio chairman thereof, the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the Philippine Assembly, the Director of Public Works, the chairman of the Committee on Public Works of the Philippine Assembly, and one agriculturist appointed by the Governor-General, who shall receive a per diem of fifteen pesos for each session of the Council which he attends: *Provided,* That the officers already receiving salary or per diem from the Government shall serve without additional remuneration: *And provided further,* That when the Philippine Assembly is not organized, or is without officers, the persons who held the office of chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and chairman of the Committee on Public Works at the close of the preceding session, shall continue in office as members of the Irrigation Council until their successors are appointed and qualified.

"The Director of Public Works shall have the direction and supervision of the investigation for and construction of irrigation systems by the Government of the Philippine Islands, and shall perform such duties as are herein prescribed.

"The Chief Irrigation Engineer shall, in addition to the duties and responsibilities stated in his appointment, be charged with those of the general superintendent of irrigation, as provided in Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-four."

Section 4, page 2, line 20, strike out the words "Irrigation Council"

and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 6, page 4, line 14, strike out the words "six months" and insert in lieu thereof the words "thirty days;" and in lines 18 and 19, strike out the words "Irrigation Council shall for sufficient cause extend" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police may for sufficient cause in his discretion extend."

Section 8, page 5, lines 14 and 15, strike out the words "but may on the contrary proceed to hear them fully and equitably" and insert in lieu thereof the words "but shall proceed to hear them fully and equitably in an informal manner."

Section 9, page 5, line 17, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" page 6, line 9, insert after the word "book" the words "especially prepared and kept for that purpose;" in line 16, insert between the words "shall be" and "charged with" the words "entitled to the fees and;" and in line 18, strike out the words "Provided, however, That no recording fee shall be charged" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Provided, however, That if such recording fee shall not be paid within one year after the receipt of such notice from the Director of Public Works, the claimant shall lose all right to priority of appropriation as established in this section."

Section 10, page 6, line 19, strike out the words "in case" and insert in lieu thereof the word "if;" and in line 20, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works as approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 12, page 7, line 16, strike out the word "perfecting" and insert in lieu thereof the word "organizing;" in line 26, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" page 8, lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and in line 5, insert after the word "submitted" the words "through the Director of Public Works."

Section 13, page 9, line 1, strike out the words "a system" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the system;" line 7, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Police;" line 11, strike out the words "as soon as possible;" line 27, insert after the words "agricultural year" the words "the period intervening between the beginning of planting and the completion of the harvesting of the crops;" lines 29 and 30, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" page 10, amend the proviso in lines 2 to 7 to read as follows: "And Provided further, That in the event of the municipalities or provincial boards

being without funds to cover these expenses, the administration of such systems shall be given to the Director of Public Works for such time as the funds advanced to meet said expenses are paid out of money alloted for such purpose by the Secretary of Commerce and Police;" line 11, strike out the word "delegates" and insert in lieu thereof the word "representatives;" page 11, lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "that in the event the cost of maintenance is" and insert in lieu thereof the words "that in the event of the cost of maintenance being;" line 14, strike out the words "two or more years, but not more than five" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two or more, but not more than five years;" and in lines 17 to 20, strike out the words "And Provided, finally, That, if before the auction is held, the debtor should satisfy the lien, he shall not be liable for the costs, which shall be de oficio."

Section 14, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" appearing in line 29 of page 11, and lines 13 and 15 of page 12, and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 15, page 13, lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "the newspapers" and insert in lieu thereof the words "some newspaper;" line 13, insert the words "and (*g*)" and strike out the word "and" between "(*e*)" and "(*f*);" and on page 14, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" appearing in lines 1, 2 and 4, and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 16, page 14, line 10, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" line 17, strike out the word "be" and insert in lieu thereof the word "is;" line 22, after the word "named" insert the words "as certified by the Director of Public Works;" line 23, strike out the words "Irrigation Council, through the Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and on page 15, lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "Irrigation Council, through the Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works."

Section 17, page 15, line 23, strike out the words "thirty-two hectares" and insert in lieu thereof the words "sixteen hectares."

Section 18, page 15, line 27, strike out the words "he shall issue" and insert in lieu thereof the words "there shall be issued;" and on page 16, line 4, after the word "province" insert the words "or provinces."

Section 19, page 16, line 13, insert the words "make and" before the word "enforce;" and insert after said word the words "subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 20, page 16, line 17, strike out the words "section fifteen" and insert in lieu thereof the words "section fourteen."

Section 21, pages 16 and 17, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. The applicant for an appropriation for a small development shall have one year from the date of the approval of such application by the Secretary of Commerce and Police in which to complete surveys and designs and to begin actual construction, and the construction of such projects must be completed within three years from the date of such approval. The applicant for an appropriation for a large development shall have two years from the date of the approval of such application by the Secretary of Commerce and Police in which to complete surveys and designs and to begin actual construction, and the construction of such projects must be completed within five years from the date of such approval: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Police may for good cause shown extend the time for the completion of any project or portions thereof for such period as he may deem just and equitable.

"The failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall render the appropriation null and void, unless such failure shall be due to fortuitous causes or force majeure, in which case the Secretary of Commerce and Police may in his discretion extend the time for completion as he may deem necessary."

Section 22, page 17, line 16, strike out the words "fifty centavos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one peso;" line 18, strike out the words "of rental" and insert in lieu thereof the words "of the rental provided in this section;" and in line 24, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 23, page 18, line 8, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 24, page 18, lines 17 and 18, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and in line 20, strike out the word "it" and insert in lieu thereof the word "he."

Section 25, page 18, between the words "by the" and "Irrigation Council" insert the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police upon the recommendation of the;" line 23, strike out the word "it" and insert in lieu thereof the word "he;" page 19, line 10, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and in line 12, strike out the word "the" before the word "newspapers."

Section 26, page 19, line 24, strike out the word "Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" lines 24 and 25, after the words "Governor-General" insert the words "through the Director of Public Works and Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and in line 25, strike out the word "projects" and insert the words "such projects;" line 28, after the word "shall"

insert the word "thereupon;" line 29, after the word "province" insert the words "or provinces;" line 30, before the word "report" strike out the word "its;" and on page 20, lines 6 and 7, strike out the words "if one-half of the owners of the irrigable land" and insert in lieu thereof the words "if the owners of one-half of the irrigable land or three-fourths of the owners of the irrigable land."

Section 27, page 20, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. When no appeal is taken to the Governor-General as herein authorized, or upon appeal the Governor-General has decided that the project shall be constructed, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall thereupon authorize the construction of the project in accordance with the procedure provided by section six of Act Numbered Five hundred and eighty-four, for the construction of public works."

Section 28, page 20, line 27, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and on page 21, lines 4 to 12, inclusive, strike out the words "When for the establishment of an irrigation system it shall be necessary to destroy, extend or improve the dam, ditch or canal of any existing system, so that the canal of the new system shall pass through a portion of the canal of the old system, the irrigable land of the old system shall be exempt from the payment of the refund for the cost of construction of the new system, except a proportional payment for administration expenses, and shall by the same right be entitled to the same amount of water as before."

Section 29, page 21, line 21, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" line 29, strike out the word "case" and insert in lieu thereof the word "year:" page 22, lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "for their satisfaction;" and in lines 11 to 14, inclusive, strike out the words "*Provided however*, That such charge shall in no case be in excess of the amount fixed in the notice, and that the charge for administration shall not exceed twenty-five per centum of the payment for reimbursement."

Section 30, page 22, line 22, strike out the words "Irrigation Council shall" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police may;" and in lines 23 and 24, strike out the words "and for no reason shall two installments be collected at once."

Section 31, page 23, lines 6, 16 and 17, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 32, page 23, line 30, strike out the word "said" and insert in lieu thereof the word "the;" and on page 24, strike out the words "Provided, however, That when the payments for construction of any system shall have been completed, there may be formed an irrigators' association, in the manner and under the conditions provided in section

twelve hereof, and the maintenance and operation of the said system shall be transferred by the Irrigation Council to the said irrigators' association, under the conditions already prescribed, and no charge or tax whatever shall thereafter be imposed on the land irrigated by such system, except the land tax: *And provided further,* That the administration and operation of a system may be taken over prior to the complete reimbursement of the construction expenses by the persons interested organizing as a corporation under the Corporation Act and furnishing suitable security, to the satisfaction of the Irrigation Council" in lines 2 to 15, inclusive.

Section 33, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" in lines 21 and 29 of page 24, and line 2 on page 25, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police" in each case.

Section 34, page 25, line 8, after the word "domain" insert the words "and acquire any property in this manner, and for such purpose, instituting proceedings in accordance with existing law."

Section 35, page 25, line 15, strike out the word "approved" and insert in lieu thereof the words "determined from time to time;" and in line 16, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 36, page 25, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 36. When the person entitled to the use of waters fails to beneficially use all or any part of the water claimed by him for a period of five years without good cause, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall declare such unused water reverted to the public, and it shall thereafter be regarded as unappropriated water."

Section 37, page 26, lines 6 and 7, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 40, page 26, line 18, before the word "use" insert the word "the;" line 22, strike out the words "for the irrigation of any land" and insert in lieu therof the words "beneficially or economically for the irrigation of any land to which the right of use of the same is appurtenant;" line 29, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police;" line 30, strike out the words "The Irrigation" and insert in lieu thereof the words "If no detriment to existing rights shall appear the Secretary of Commerce and Police;" and on page 27, line 1, strike out the word "Council."

Section 42, page 27, lines 28 and 29, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works;" page 28, line 2, strike out the word "council" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works;" in line 6, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu therof the words "Director of Public Works;" in lines 6 to 8, strike out the words "such owner shall be entitled to an extension of ninety days

of the time wherein to complete said works;" in lines 8 to 14, strike out the words "The use or taking of water by such ditch owner after the expiration of this extension until the completion of such head gate or measuring device and the approval thereof by the said Council shall constitute a misdemeanor under this Act: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this section shall not affect any system established at the date of the publication of this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Said Director may extend the time for completion, or in his discretion refuse to deliver water to such owner. The use or taking of water by such ditch owner after such refusal by the Director of Public Works until the completion of such head gate or measuring device and the approval thereof by the said Director shall constitute a misdemeanor under this Act;" lines 26 and 27, strike out the words "Irrigation Council" and insert in lieu therof the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police."

Section 45, page 30, lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "In the course of the surveys and investigations of any system" and insert in lieu thereof the words "In the performance of his duties under this Act;" and in lines 9 and 10, strike out the words "with the assistance of the president or his representative."

Section 49, page 31, strike out in its entirety.

Section 52, page 31, line 30, and page 32, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "nor of the irrigation svstems now existing on the so-called friar lands or hereafter especially established for the same."

Section 53, page 32, strike out in its entirety.

Section 54, page 32, line 13, strike out the word "incompatible" and insert in lieu thereof the word "inconsistent."

Insert a new section numbered 53 to read as follows:

"SEC. 53. The short title of this Act shall be 'The Irrigation Act.' "

Section 55, page 32, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 55. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the same shall take effect upon its passage."

The Irrigation bill as originally drawn imposed upon the Secretary of Commerce and Police the duty of determining under proper restrictions whether the public interest requires the construction of a particular irrigation project by the Government. Upon the suggestion of the conference committee from the Assembly, the committee from the Commission agreed to impose this duty upon an Irrigation Council, to be composed of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, the Director of Public Works, the chairmen of two committees from the Assembly, and an additional member to be appointed by the Governor-General. There can be no objection to such a council, if properly constituted, as it could serve many useful purposes, and share with the Secretary of Commerce and Police the responsibility

involved in entering upon large and expensive projects. It was conceded that the administrative duties involved in the working out of the law must be imposed on the head of the Department, instead of upon the committee, which like all committees, must necessarily be poorly adapted for the performance of such duties.

The bill which has now been passed by the Assembly, creates an Irrigation Council consisting of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, the Director of Public Works, and three agriculturists to be appointed by the Speaker of the Philippine Assembly, and imposes upon this Council the administrative duties which belong properly to the head of the Department, who is charged by law with executive control over the Bureau of Public Works, which must construct all irrigation projects.

The provision is subject to two radical defects. First, it seeks to impose the executive duty of appointing three of the members upon the Speaker of the Assembly, a duty which being purely executive, must necessarily be performed by the Governor-General. This principle is so important that it should not in any case be permitted to be violated. The Speaker of the Assembly presides over a legislative body, and can not without violating the most elementary principles of constitutional law be charged with the executive duties which belong to the Chief Executive.

Another objection is found in the various provisions which impose the duty of supervision and management upon the Irrigation Council. Committees can never properly perform administrative work, and the injection into the work of the Department of Commerce and Police of a committee with control over the actions of one of the Bureaus, thus depriving the head of the Department of the control imposed by law, is not in the interests of good government.

An Irrigation Council may properly be created for the purpose of advising the Secretary of Commerce and Police or even determining the primary proposition whether the construction of a particular project shall be entered upon, but it should not be permitted to participate in the administrative work of the Department, which under existing law is in the hands of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, subject to the general supervision of the Governor-General.

For some reason which is not understood, the Assembly has attempted to repeal that part of Act No. 1854 which makes a permanent appropriation for irrigation work. Should the Commission agree to this, it would result in the complete disorganization of the irrigation work, and leave the entire work adrift without guide or compass. In the nature of things it would be impossible for any serious work to be entered upon without the certainty which comes from definite knowledge as to future appropriations.

Other amendments which have been recommended are as a rule merely verbal, or necessary to make effective the two general propositions to which reference has been made.

Paragraph 32 has been reinstated as it stood in the bill when passed by the Commission at the last session.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received, and

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

Consideration of Assembly Bill No. 611 was made a special order for Monday, January 8, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 984.)

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes antemeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, January 5, 1912, was read and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RICE SITUATION.

The Chair announced the appointment by the President of Commissioners Araneta, Branagan, and Palma as members on the part of the Commission of the committee authorized by Joint Resolution No. 4 to investigate the crisis in rice and other food grains, and to recommend to the Legislature the adoption of new measures to avert the consequences thereof.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor to inform you that the honorable the Speaker of the Philippine Assembly has appointed Messrs.

Joaquín D. Luna, Mónico R. Mercado, and Hermenegildo Villanueva as members of the select joint committee on the part of the Assembly, authorized by Joint Resolution No. 4 of the Legislature, entitled "Joint Resolution creating a select joint committee to investigate the crisis in rice and other food grains, and to recommend to the Philippine Legislature the adoption of new measures to avert the consequences thereof."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 151. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as the Municipal Code, by authorizing municipal councils to close municipal roads, streets, alleys, parks, or squares, for governmental purposes.

Commission Bill No. 151 was read the third time.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 2, line 1, strike out the words "paying due indemnity to" and insert in lieu thereof the word "indemnifying."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by striking out the words "known as" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "entitled."

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 331.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 11, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 700, entitled "An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and eight,

by providing that the Court of First Instance of Ambos Camarines shall hold regular sessions in the municipality of Tigaon, of the said province," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The law at present provides that regular terms of court shall be held at Nueva Caceres, in and for the Province of Ambos Camarines, commencing on the first Tuesdays of January, July, and December of each year, and in Albay, in and for the Province of Albay, commencing on the third Tuesday of February and the first Tuesday of September of each year.

The Assembly bill, without amending the law with respect to the time of holding the regular terms of court in the Eighth Judicial District, provides for holding a regular term of court at Tigaon beginning on the first Tuesdays of February and September of each year for the purpose of hearing cases arising in the municipalities of Sangay, Tigaon, Goa, San Jose, Lagonoy, and Caramoan, which municipalities compose what is commonly known as the "Partido de Lagonoy," situated in the northeastern part of the province.

Should the Assembly Bill be passed, the judge of the Eighth Judicial District will be required to hold regular terms of court beginning on the first Tuesday of September at both Tigaon and at Albay. He would also be required to hold the regular term at Tigaon beginning on the first Tuesday of February and the regular term at Albay beginning on the third Tuesday of the same month. This would oblige him to close court at Tigaon after only a few days work there in order to arrive at Albay in time to open court at that place.

The Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, to whom this matter was referred, informs your committee that it is his policy to hold a special term of court at least once a year in Daet for the purpose of trying cases arising in the municipalities which compose the former province of Camarines Norte, and also to hold a special term of court in one of the municipalities composing the "Partido de Lagonoy" for the purpose of trying cases arising within the said "partido." He states that in his opinion it would be better to leave the law as it is.

As the law now stands, the Secretary of Finance and Justice can authorize the holding of special terms of court at Tigaon or at some other place within the said "Partido de Lagonoy." Such authorization is always made upon the recommendation of the judge.

Your committee is of the opinion that the law should be allowed to remain as it is at present, as the needs of the municipalities distant from Nueva Caceres can be better attended to than by pro-

viding for two regular terms of court for the "Partido de Lagonoy." If the proposed law is passed, much time would be consumed in travel from Nueva Caceres to Tigaon and from Tigaon to Albay, and the judge would probably not have time to hold the special term in Daet for Camarines Norte.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 332.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 319, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a school for foremen of public works," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

Practically all of the subjects mentioned herein are already taught in the trade school and provision could readily be made administratively for such as are not. Your committee has no information as to the desirability of a special course leading to the title of foreman of public works, but it believes that such information is possessed by the committee on matters pertaining to the department in which executive control over public works is lodged.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 333.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on December 14, 1911, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11, entitled "Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to make contracts with two American and two Filipino

newspapers for the publication of official advertisements," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

The phraseology "two American and two Filipino newspapers" in the inclosed resolution appears to be too vague. It is recommended that this phraseology be changed to read: "two newspapers of general circulation published in the English language and two Filipino newspapers of general circulation published in the Spanish language," and that the resolution be then passed in the amended form.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General thereon.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the resolution was ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 334.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 9, 1911, Commission Bill No. 129, entitled "An Act expressly conferring upon, and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; and authorizing the court to hold sessions througout the period designated by law for the annual 'court vacation;' and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 2, strike out the word "exclusive" and insert in lieu thereof the word "the."

Section 2, page 1, line 4, strike out the word "member" and insert in lieu thereof the word "justice;" line 7, after the word "direct" insert the words "if the Chief Justice submits the matter to the court;" and change the number of the section to 5.

Section 3, page 1, change number to 2; and in lines 8 and 9, strike out the words "have exclusive authority to."

Section 4, page 2, strike out in its entirety.

Section 5, page 2, change number to 3; and on page 3, line 8, insert after the word "purpose" the words "if the Chief Justice submits the matter to the court."

Section 6, page 3, change number to 4.

Section 7, page 3, change number to 6; in line 17, strike out the words "various members" and insert in lieu thereof the word "justices;" line 18, after the word "court" insert the words "except the Chief Justice;" and in line 20, after the word "direct" insert the words "if the Chief Justice submits the matter to the court, and the right of the Chief Justice to such leave shall be subject to the approval of the Governor-General."

Section 8, page 3, change number to 7; in line 26, strike out the word "member" and insert in lieu thereof the word "justice;" in line 27, strike out the word "nevertheless;" page 4, lines 1 to 4, strike out the words "Fifteen hundred and ninety-eight, amending Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-seven and Eleven hundred and eighty-four" and insert in lieu thereof the words "One hundred and thirty-six, as amended, and that no judge shall at any time have to his credit more than leave of absence allowed for three years' service;" lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and ninety-eight" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such Act;" and in lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and ninety-eight" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such Act."

Section 9, page 4, change number to 8 and amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. The Supreme Court may hold regular sessions throughout the whole or any part of the period designated by law for its annual court vacation, and the right to leave of absence as prescribed in section six shall accrue to all the judges of the court who rendered services during the court vacation for a time equal to that of the services rendered, except the judge who otherwise would have been designated to serve as vacation judge, which fact shall be certified either by order of the Chief Justice or by resolution of the court as provided in section five: *Provided,* That no leave of absence under this section shall be enjoyed later than the end of the next calendar year, and that when a judge of the court exercises

his right to a 'long vacation' under the provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended, leave accruing to him under this section in the year in which he takes such long vacation shall be counted as a part thereof."

Insert a new section 9 to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. In addition to the court vacation or absence allowed in lieu thereof, no judge of the Supreme Court shall enjoy more than three months' leave of absence with pay every three years, and no single period of absence with pay shall exceed six months."

Section 12, page 4, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect on its passage, except sections one, two, three, and four, which shall take effect when a separate appropriation is made for the Supreme Court."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and the Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the bill and report.

After some consideration the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 84. Whereas it is desirable that a tract of land in the Malabang townsite, Moro Province, be reserved for the purposes of a wireless telegraph station; and

Whereas lots numbered twenty-two and twenty-three of the subdivision of said townsite, as approved by the Commission, July twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and nine, are suitable for such purposes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of section forty, Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, lots numbered twenty-two and twenty-three, Malabang townsite subdivision, be, and the same hereby are, reserved for the purposes of a wireless telegraph station.

The resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 152. An Act providing that the provincial treasurer shall be accountable for all public property in the Provinces of Agusan and Nueva Vizcaya.

Commission Bill No. 152 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, line 4, strike out the word "purchase" and insert in lieu thereof the word "procure."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title by striking out the word "treasurer" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "secretary-treasurer."

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 152 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

The President introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 153. An Act to amend Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-four entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of reclaimed land for commercial purposes, for the leasing of the foreshore and lands under water, and to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waterways."

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 153 was read the first time by title only and referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Worcester and Elliott for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 154. An Act amending section six of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, known as "The Land Registration Act," as amended, by providing that in the absence of the judge of the Court of Land Registration his duties shall be performed by the senior associate judge.

Commission Bill No. 154 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 147 RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Gilbert then moved that Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor," referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police on January 3, 1912, be recalled from said committee.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was thereupon recommitted to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, January 6, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER, IRRIGATION BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law," being a special order for this date was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police thereon.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Subject to existing rights, the public waters of the Philippine Islands may be appropriated for beneficial use, in the manner provided in this Act.

"SEC. 2. The power to grant appropriations of public waters under this Act is hereby specifically vested in the Secretary of Commerce and Police.

"The Director of Public Works shall have the direction and supervision of the investigations for and construction of irrigation systems by the Government of the Philippine Islands and shall perform such duties as are herein prescribed.

"The Chief Irrigation Engineer shall, in addition to the duties and responsibilities stated in his appointment, be charged with those of the general superintendent of irrigation as provided in Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

"SEC. 3. Priority of appropriation shall give the better right as between two or more persons using the public waters. In determining the priority, the nonuser of the water for a period of five years shall extinguish any claim of priority unless such nonuser shall have been caused by force majeure. When the waters of any source of supply are not sufficient for the service of all those desiring the use of the same, and when priority of appropriation can not be established the order of preference shall be as follows:

"(*a*) Domestic purposes.

"(*b*) Agricultural purposes or power development for agricultural purposes.

"(*c*) Industrial purposes.

"(*d*) Ponds for fisheries.

"(*e*) Mining purposes or milling connected with mining purposes.

"SEC. 4. Any controversy between the persons claiming right to use of water of any public stream shall be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Police through the Director of Public Works, and his decision thereon shall be final unless appeal therefrom be taken to the proper court within ninety days after the date of the notification of the parties of said decision. In case of such appeal the court having jurisdiction shall try the controversy *de novo*.

"SEC. 5. The Director of Public Works shall as soon as practicable prepare for such stream or streams in the Philippine Islands as may be designated by the Secretary of Commerce and Police a list of the appropriations of water according to priority, and in order to make such list he shall cause a public notice to all claimants of water rights upon such streams to be posted at the usual places for posting public notices in each municipality affected and at such other places as he may deem advisable and to be published by *bandillos* for three consecutive days. Such notice shall contain a statement of the information that it is desired to obtain from the claimants, the date before which all claims must be received, which date shall be at least six months after publication of such notice, the conditions under which such claims must be presented, and any further facts that may be deemed necessary. The said Director of Public Works shall send by registered mail to each person known to have a claim to the waters of such streams a blank form, on which said claimant shall set forth in writing all the particulars, showing the amounts and dates

of appropriations to the use of water of said stream to which he lays claim, the said statement to include the following data, if possible:

"(*a*) The name and address of the claimant.

"(*b*) The nature of the use or title on which the claim for an appropriation is based.

"(*c*) The date of the commencement of such use.

"Also if used for irrigation, the following:

"(*d*) The date of beginning of survey.

"(*e*) The date of beginning of construction.

"(*f*) The date when completed.

"(*g*) The date of beginning and completion of enlargements.

"(*h*) The dimensions of the ditch as originally constructed and as enlarged.

"(*i*) The amount of land irrigated in the first year.

"(*j*) The amount in subsequent years, with the date of irrigation and the amount of land such ditch is capable of irrigating.

"(*k*) The character of the soil and the kind of crops cultivated.

"Also:

"(*l*) Such other facts as will show compliance with the law in acquiring the appropriation, and the rank of the priority claimed.

"Each of said claimants shall be required to certify to his statements under oath: *Provided, however,* That there shall be no charge for such oaths when administered by an officer of the Insular, provincial, or municipal government.

"SEC. 6. The blank form required by section five to be forwarded to each known claimant shall be accompanied by a notice that the sworn statement therein called for must be presented within thirty days from the receipt of said notice. The failure of any claimant to make such sworn statement within the time fixed in the notice shall, upon the complaint of the Director of Public Works, work a forfeiture of the claim: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Police may, for sufficient cause in his discretion, extend the time limit within which the statement may be filed for a period not exceeding six months.

"SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works, as soon as practicable, to make an examination of such stream and the works diverting therefrom, said examination to include the measurements of the discharge of said stream, and of the carrying capacity of the various ditches and canals diverting water therefrom, an examination of the irrigated lands, and an approximate measurement of the lands irrigated and susceptible of irrigation from the various ditches and canals, which said observations and measurements shall be reduced to writing and made a matter of official record in his office; and it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to make a map or plat showing, with substantial accuracy, the course of said stream, the location of each dam, ditch, or canal diverting water therefrom, and the divisions and subdivisions of lands which

have been irrigated or which are susceptible of irrigation from the works already constructed.

"SEC. 8. The Director of Public Works or any official by him thereunto specifically authorized, in the investigations made to determine the priority of appropriation, may examine witnesses under oath, and for this purpose is hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses and take affidavits, and shall not be obliged to follow strictly the ordinary rules of evidence, but shall proceed to hear them fully and equitably in an informal manner.

"SEC. 9. Upon approval of the list of priorities the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall publish the said approved list in the manner provided in section five. This notice shall show for each appropriation:

"(*a*) The name and post-office address of the appropriator.

"(*b*) The priority number of such appropriation.

"(*c*) The amount of prior appropriations.

"(*d*) The amount of water to which the appropriator is entitled.

"(*e*) And if such appropriations be for irrigation, a description of the divisions and subdivisions of the lands to which said water is to be diverted.

"It shall thereupon be the duty of the Director of Public Works to issue to each appropriator represented in such list a certificate signed by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, setting forth the information shown in items (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), and (*e*) of this section relating to his appropriation.

"Such certificate shall be transmitted by the Director of Public Works, by registered mail, to the register of deeds of the province in which such appropriation shall have been made, and on the same date a notice of such transmittal shall be forwarded by the Director of Public Works to the appropriator and it shall be the duty of the register of deeds, upon receipt of the recording fee, which fee shall be three pesos and be paid by the appropriator, to record the same in a book specially prepared and kept for that purpose and thereupon immediately transmit the same to the appropriator. If the water is to be wholly or partially used in another province than that in which the point of diversion is located, the Director of Public Works shall instruct the register of deeds of the latter to transmit in the same manner, after the proper procedure, the certified copy to the register of deeds of the province where the water is to be used and this officer shall be entitled to the fees and charged with the duties above mentioned:

"*Provided, however,* That if such recording fee shall not be paid within one year after receipt of such notice from the Director of Public Works, the claimant shall lose all right to the priority of appropriation as established in this section.

"SEC. 10. If any person shall desire to appeal from the decision of the Director of Public Works as approved by the Secretary of

Commerce and Police, such appeal shall lie to the Court of First Instance of the province in which his property is situated to have his right determined. Such action must be brought within ninety days after the recording of the approved list of priorities and shall be tried *de novo* and as speedily as possible.

"*Provided, however,* That the final decision of the courts in these cases shall be recorded in accordance with the provisions of section nine hereof.

"SEC. 11. The Director of Public Works shall apportion the waters of any stream of the public domain to the appropriators thereof according to their respective rights, and shall give notice of such apportionment to all the persons interested, by registered mail, according to the list of priorities approved and finally recorded, or, as the case may be, as corrected by the judgment of some court having jurisdiction of the subject matter.

"SEC. 12. Upon the final approval of the list of appropriations, according to priority, provided for in the preceding sections, there may be formed, at the desire of the majority of all the appropriators in any system in which three or more persons are interested an irrigators' association, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the said system. The *presidente* or *presidentes* of the municipality or municipalities in which the land under a given system is located shall, at the request of three or more of the appropriators in such system, call a meeting of all the acknowledged appropriators in said system, for the purpose of perfecting the said association.

"Such association when duly organized shall have the following powers:

"(*a*) To appoint a caretaker, who shall be charged with the preservation and administration of the general system, the equitable apportionment of the waters of the stream according to the recorded list of appropriations, and the adjustment of controversies between the irrigators, in accordance with the said list, from whose decision appeal may lie to the Secretary of Commerce and Police, within the time and in the manner prescribed by the regulations, and who shall perform all other duties imposed, and have the powers conferred upon him by said regulations. His decision thereon shall be final unless an appeal be taken to the proper court within ninety days after the date of the notification of the parties of said decision. In case of such appeal the court having jurisdiction shall try the controversy *de novo*.

"(*b*) To issue the regulations necessary for the proper preservation and administration of the general system and for the adequate operation of the association, which regulations shall be previously approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police to whom they shall be submitted through the Director of Public Works for this purpose as soon as possible.

"(*c*) To compel the members of the association to contribute in

proportion to the benefits derived, to the cost of preservation, improvement, and operation of the general system, the association being authorized to exercise this power in the manner established in the regulations.

"(*d*) To elect annually, on the date fixed by the regulations, a president, who shall represent the interests of the association and carry into execution the resolutions of the same.

"The said president shall be the ex officio treasurer of the association and shall collect from each member the assessment or assessments previously fixed for the preservation, improvement, and operation of the system, and prior to entering upon the discharge of his duties, he shall furnish bond in the sum fixed by the regulations; and

"(*e*) To incorporate in accordance with Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Act,' and its amendments.

"The caretaker shall receive the emoluments fixed by the regulations, and the president shall not be entitled to any compensation, unless expressly provided for by the regulations.

"SEC. 13. In the event of the appropriators not organizing in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding section, the system shall be temporarily administered under this Act as follows:

"(*a*) By the municipal council, when the system affects one municipality alone;

"(*b*) By the provincial board, when it affects two or more municipalities of a province;

"(*c*) By the Director of Public Works under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, when it affects two or more provinces.

"The regulations issued for the administration, use and distribution of waters shall be previously approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, and in the preparation of these regulations all the persons interested shall be given a hearing.

"The caretaker appointed shall in all cases be the person designated or recommended by the majority of the persons interested, who shall at the same time fix the salary to be received by him.

"The cost of this service shall be a lien upon the crops, in the first place, and in the second place upon the land of the water users and ditch owners, in accordance with the distribution thereof, as shown by the accounts of the municipal council, the provincial board, or the Director of Public Works, which distribution shall be based upon the quantity of water consumed by each appropriator or ditch owner, in proportion to the total quantity delivered to all: *Provided, however,* That the funds necessary to defray the administration expenses prior to the expiration of each agricultural year (the period intervening between the beginning of planting and the completion of the harvesting of the crops), in accordance with the appropriation, shall be advanced by the municipality or the province

out of their funds, or by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, out of the irrigation fund, and shall be reimbursed at the end of each year with interest at the rate of four per centum: *And provided further*, That in the event of the municipalities or provincial boards being without funds to cover these expenses, the administration of such systems shall be given to the Director of Public Works for such time as the funds advanced to meet such expenses are paid out of money alloted for such purpose by the Secretary of Commerce and Police.

"The municipal and provincial treasurers, shall in the performance of their official duties, collect the charges for administration expenses for each period upon the completion of each harvest, acting in this respect as representatives of the Director of Public Works. Such lien shall have preference over all other liens except that for taxes on the land and any mortgage lien in favor of the Philippine Agricultural Bank, and such preferred lien shall not be removed until all charges are paid or the property is sold for payment thereof. Within one year after default of payment on an installment payable on any parcel of land, the municipal president, the provincial governor or the Director of Public Works shall file with the clerk of the Court of First Instance of the district in which the land is situated, a list of all lands upon which default has been made. The clerk of the court shall thereupon publish in the manner provided for the publication of the summons in a civil action, a list of the lands so filed by the Director of Public Works, accompanied by a notice requiring the owners to file an answer thereto within thirty days after the completion of the publication.

"Upon the filing of an answer by the person interested, the action in respect to such person shall proceed to judgment, as provided for other actions by the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon termination of such thirty days, judgment shall be entered against such persons as have not answered, and their lands, or the portion thereof deemed necessary, shall be sold, after ten days' public notice, at public auction by the sheriff to satisfy such preferred lien.

"Any excess over the amount of said lien and the cost of such procedure shall be returned to the interested person, who shall have one year thereafter to redeem his land by payment of the amount of the judgment, and costs with interest at six per centum: *Provided, however*, That in the event of the cost of maintenance being so exceptionally high in any year as to exceed fifty per centum of the net profits, such exceptional cost shall be distributed in an equitable manner, over two or more, but not more than five years: *And provided further*, That in the cases in which a crop is unharvested at the time of the execution of the lien, the execution shall be levied first on said crop. In the preparation of the regulations mentioned in this and the next preceding section, that customs and usages of each locality shall be taken into consideration, and in these regulations

one day of the year shall be fixed for a meeting of all the persons interested for the purpose of preparing an estimate of expenditures for the next succeeding year.

"SEC. 14. Any person hereafter desiring to appropriate any public water shall previously make an application to the Secretary of Commerce and Police through the Director of Public Works.

"This application shall set forth:

"(*a*) The name and post-office address of the applicant.

"(*b*) The source from which said appropriation shall be made.

"(*c*) The place or site of diversion.

"(*d*) The approximate amount of water to be diverted.

"(*e*) A description of the proposed works for the use of the water.

"(*f*) The date on which the work is to be begun and to be completed.

"(*g*) The purpose or object of the appropriation.

"(*h*) If for irrigation, a description of the land to be irrigated and the area thereof, and any additional facts required by the Secretary of Commerce and Police.

"On receipt of this application, which shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, and to be furnished by the Director of Public Works without cost to the applicant, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to make a record thereof in his office, and to carefully examine the same to ascertain whether it sets forth all facts necessary to determine the nature and the amount of the proposed appropriation.

"If the application be defective it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to point out the defects noted and return it to the applicant for correction, and sixty days after receipt thereof by said applicant shall be allowed for the refiling thereof. If refiled, corrected in proper form, within such time the application shall take priority as of the date of original filing, subject to compliance with the further provisions of the law and the regulations thereunder: *Provided,* That prior to the approval of the application the applicant shall not be authorized to perform any work for the use of the waters.

"SEC. 15. When the original or corrected application is filed in accordance with the requirements of this Act, the Director of Public Works shall, within thirty days, cause to be published in English, and when advisable in Spanish and the local dialect, once a week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper designated for the publication of official notices, a notice showing:

"(*a*) The name of the applicant.

"(*b*) Date of filing of application.

"(*c*) The information required in section fourteen hereof under (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*), and (*g*).

Such notice shall also be posted in English, Spanish, and the local

dialect, for the space of four weeks provided in the next preceding paragraph, at the usual place for posting public notices in the municipalities affected by the appropriation, and shall besides be published once a week by *bandillos* and public criers in the local dialect.

Provided, That any person interested may object to the appropriation within the time limit stated in the notice and fixed by the Director of Public Works, which shall not be less than thirty days nor more than sixty days, beginning with the last day of the publication in the newspaper of the said notice, filing with the said Director of Public Works a written protest stating reasons for the objection. Upon termination of the period set for the filing of protests, the Director of Public Works shall make the necessary investigations regarding the appropriation, and any objections that may have been filed, taking testimony if necessary, in accordance with the provisions of section eight hereof, and shall make report upon the case to the Secretary of Commerce and Police, who shall take action thereon, after reviewing the evidence in support of and against the appropriation. The decision of the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the provisions of section four of this Act.

"*Provided, however,* That failure or omission to file such protest shall not work to the detriment of prior rights to the appropriation or use of water.

"SEC. 16. If there is no unappropriated water in the source of supply, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, through the Director of Public Works, shall deny the application in writing, a record thereof being filed in the office of the Director of Public Works, and shall return the application so denied to the applicant, who shall not prosecute any work under his application. If the applicant shall perform any work under his application he shall be guilty of and punished for a misdemeanor.

"If the source of supply is a navigable stream, the application must be referred by the Director of Public Works to the Director of Navigation, who shall return the application with his recommendation thereon.

"If there is unappropriated water in the source of supply named as certified by the Director of Public Works and the appropriation is not detrimental to the public, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall approve the application and set a date prior to which work of diversion and appropriation must be begun and a date prior to which such work must be completed, indorse such approval upon the application, a record of such approval and indorsement being filed in the office of the Director of Public Works, and shall return the application so indorsed to the applicant, who shall, on receipt thereof, be authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to perfect such appropriations: *Provided, however,* That in case there

is an insufficient supply for the total amount of water applied for, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, may approve an application for a less amount of water.

"SEC. 17. After the approval of an application the applicant shall submit in duplicate to the Director of Public Works, for approval, the plans and specifications for the works necessary for the use of the water granted by the said approval. No work shall be begun until the plans for the same have been approved, and no work shall be done at any time except in accordance with the said plans. The Director of Public Works shall have authority to examine and inspect such works during construction and order any changes or alterations which he may consider necessary for the security of the work, or the safeguarding of life, property, or the public interest. No water shall be turned into such works until the approval of the same by the Director of Public Works has been secured, and any failure to conform to the requirements laid down in this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor under this Act: *Provided, however,* That applicants for small appropriations to irrigate land not in excess of sixteen hectares shall not be required to submit plans and specifications other than those required in the application.

"SEC. 18. Upon the approval of the completed work by the Director of Public Works, there shall be issued to the applicant a certificate signed by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, setting forth the name of the applicant, the date, source, purpose, and amount of the appropriation, and if for irrigation, a description of the land to be irrigated, which certificate shall within one year after its issuance be recorded in the province in which the point of diversion of the appropriation is, as well as in the province or provinces where the water is used, in the same manner as is provided in section nine for the registration of certificates of appropriation. The priority of such new appropriation shall date from the filing of the application in the office of the Director of Public Works.

"SEC. 19. The Director of Public Works shall have authority to inspect all works for the diversion, carriage, storage, apportioning, or measurement of waters, or any works pertaining to the use of waters in the Philippine Islands, and to make and enforce, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, such regulations relating thereto as may be deemed necessary for the conservation and protection of the public interest.

"SEC. 20. If any appropriation applied for in accordance with section fourteen shall be for the purpose of developing power, the application shall state in addition to the information required by said section, the following:

"(*a*) The point of restoration.

"(*b*) The amount of power it is proposed to develop.

"(*c*) The probable amount of power available at mean low water

in the stream from which the water is to be taken between the points of diversion and restoration.

"Appropriations for power purposes shall be divided into two classes, which shall be known as 'small developments' and 'large developments,' according to whether such developments be of less than one hundred horsepower, or of one hundred horsepower or over.

"SEC. 21. The applicant for an appropriation for a small development shall have one year from the date of approval of such application by the Secretary of Commerce and Police in which to complete surveys and designs and to begin actual construction, and the construction of such projects must be completed within three years from the date of such approval. The applicant for an appropriation for a large development shall have two years from the date of the approval of such application by the Secretary of Commerce and Police in which to complete surveys and designs and to begin actual construction, and the construction of such projects must be completed within five years from the date of such approval: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Police may, for good cause shown, extend the time for the completion of any project or portions thereof for such period as he may deem just and equitable.

"The failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall render the appropriation null and void, unless such failure shall be due to fortuitous cause or *force majeure,* in which case the Secretary of Commerce and Police may, in his discretion, extend the time for completion as he may deem necessary.

"SEC. 22. The appropriator of water for power purposes for a small development shall pay to the Government of the Philippine Islands an annual rental of twenty-five centavos per horsepower for the first ten years, beginning on the first day of January after the plant is ready for operation. After this first period, the rental shall become one peso per horsepower per year.

"The appropriator of water for power purposes for a large development shall pay to the Government of the Philippine Islands an annual rental of fifty centavos per horsepower for the first ten years, beginning on the first day of January after the plant is ready for operation. At the end of the first ten years and of each ten-year period thereafter the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall determine the rate of rental which shall be charged for the succeeding ten years: *Provided,* That in no case shall the rental rate be less than one peso nor more than two pesos per horsepower per year.

"The amount of water upon which rental shall be charged shall be determined as follows: The normal rated water capacity of the water wheels installed expressed in second-liters shall be multiplied by the difference in level of water surface in forebay and tailrace expressed in meters, and the product divided by one hundred, the quotient representing the developed horsepower on the basis of an efficiency of seventy-six per centum for the plant.

"SEC. 23. The rental shall be paid at the time and in the manner directed by the Secretary of Commerce and Police and shall be collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue as a general tax. If at any time payment shall not be made when the same shall have become due, said payment shall become a lien upon the right of use of water and all the works, lands, buildings, and machinery which constitute the property appurtenant thereto, which lien shall be enforced in the manner prescribed in section thirteen of this Act.

"SEC. 24. If it be found possible to generate power in connection with any irrigation canal or system, the Secretary of Commerce and Police may authorize the construction and operation of power plants thereon by the Government, or by any person, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

"SEC. 25. Upon determination by the Secretary of Commerce and Police that the Government construction of any irrigation project is advisable, he shall, in the manner prescribed in section fifteen hereof, give public notice of:

"(*a*) The land irrigable under such project.

"(*b*) The approximate annual charge per hectare on said land to cover the cost of construction.

"(*c*) The number of annual installments, which in no case shall be less than twenty nor more than forty, in which said construction charge shall be paid.

"(*d*) The estimated approximate annual cost of maintenance and operation.

"(*e*) A statement that protests against the construction of the project may be filed with the Governor-General within ninety days after completion of publication.

"At the beginning of the publication of the notice a map shall be filed in the office of the municipal secretary of each municipality interested, showing the land to be affected by the irrigation project, which map shall be open to inspection by the public.

"The Secretary of Commerce and Police shall publish or cause to be published in English and, when advisable, in Spanish and the local dialect, in the newspapers designated for the publication of official notices, the notice provided for in this section, which notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Such notice in English, Spanish, and the local dialect shall also be posted at the usual places for posting public notices in each municipality and place affected by said project, and shall besides be published four times during said period by means of *bandillos* and public criers in the local dialect.

"SEC. 26. The owner of any land included as "irrigable" in the public notice referred to in section twenty-five hereof shall be allowed ninety days after the date indicated in the notice of the said Secretary of Commerce and Police in which to file with the Governor-General, through the Director of Public Works and Secretary of Com-

merce and Police, objections to the construction of such project, to the inclusion of his land, to the estimated approximate charge or charges, or to the number of annual installments. The Governor-General shall thereupon refer such objections to the provincial board of the province or provinces in which such land is situated for report and recommendation after hearing the persons interested. The Governor-General shall, with the said report and recommendation in view, decide whether or not the project shall be constructed, and what changes, if any, shall be made in the conditions as stated in the public notice. The decision of the Governor-General shall be final: *Provided, however,* That no project shall be constructed if the owners of one-half of the irrigable land or three-fourths of the owners of the irrigable land under such project object to its construction within the ninety-day period specified above.

"SEC. 27. When no appeal is taken to the Governor-General as herein authorized, or upon appeal the Governor-General has decided that the project shall be constructed, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall thereupon authorize the construction of the project in accordance with the procedure provided by section six of Act Numbered Five hundred and eighty-four for the construction of public works.

"SEC. 28. If the persons interested in the construction of an irrigation system in any district shall determine to effect such construction themselves, they may apply for aid from Government funds, subject to the regulations and conditions imposed upon them by the Secretary of Commerce and Police in order to safeguard the interests of the Government and in accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided, however,* That the amount of Government funds granted for such purpose shall in no case exceed forty per centum of the estimated cost of the project, nor shall the total amount granted for any one project exceed fifty thousand pesos.

"Inferior land not included within the designated zone of irrigable lands of an irrigation system shall be entitled to be benefited by the additional supply of water or overflow of said system, under the obligation to pay a proportional share of the administration charges, provided that the other rights of the system are not injured thereby, and the necessary concessions may be made for this purpose.

"SEC. 29. Upon the completion of the construction of any project, or sufficient part thereof, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall issue a second public notice, which shall be posted and published in the same manner as provided in section fifteen hereof. This notice shall announce:

"(*a*) The land irrigable under such project, or part thereof.

"(*b*) The annual charge which shall be made per hectare to cover costs of construction with interest: *Provided, however,* That such charge shall be uniform for each year and calculated on the basis that it will repay all costs of construction with interest at four per

centum per annum on the sum invested in a period which shall not be less than twenty nor more than forty years.

"(*c*) The conditions of payment thereof.

"(*d*) The time at which such payments shall be made.

"(*e*) The date on which the official test of the system is to be made in the presence of the persons interested.

"The construction charge which shall be included shall be such as will repay the actual cost of construction of the project with interest at four per centum.

"Any installment payable remaining unpaid on a parcel of land at the date specified in item (*d*) above, shall become a lien against such land. Such lien shall have preference and be collectible as prescribed in section thirteen hereof.

"SEC. 30. Whenever, by reason of shortage of water or other fortuitous event, a failure of crops shall occur on lands included in any irrigation system or any portion of such system, the Secretary of Commerce and Police may extend the time for the payment of the annual installment for construction.

"SEC. 31. If at any time any irrigation works or portion thereof constructed by the Insular Government under the provisions of this Act shall be damaged or destroyed by earthquake, fire, lightning, flood, tornado, typhoon, hurricane, war, or by other fortuitous event or *force majeure*, the same shall be, upon approval of the Governor-General, repaired or reconstructed from the insurance fund hereafter provided for in this section, and the cost of such reconstruction shall not be charged against the appropriators.

"There is hereby authorized and created an irrigation insurance fund which shall be established and maintained as follows: The Secretary of Commerce and Police shall each year instruct the Director of Public Works to add to the amount collectible from each owner of land irrigated by any such irrigation system operated under the provisions of this Act in the Philippine Islands an additional amount not to exceed two per centum of the annual payment for construction, maintenance, and operation due from the said landowner, which amount shall be added to and collected as a portion of the regular annual payment, and shall be covered into the Insular Treasury and set aside as a special fund, to be known as the 'irrigation insurance fund;' which fund may be invested and reinvested by authority of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, first, in financial transactions with relation to irrigation proceedings, and, second, in the same manner and under the same conditions as other trust funds handled by the Insular Government may be invested; and the said fund, together with the accumulated interest thereon, shall be expended for the purposes and in the manner provided in this section and for no other purpose: *Provided, however,* That whenever said irrigation fund shall exceed two hundred thousand pesos there shall be no further collections until said fund shall have been reduced

by expenditure as authorized herein to less than one hundred and fifty thousand pesos.

"SEC. 32. The irrigation works constructed by the Government in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section shall be administered by the Government in accordance with the provisions of this law for the benefit of the landowners.

"SEC 33. In the case provided in section thirty-two, in which the administration of an irrigation system constructed by the Government shall be under the control of the Government, the Director of Public Works shall administer the system for the benefit of the landowners in accordance with the regulations drawn up and approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police. The expense of operation and administration shall be a lien upon the land of the water users and shall be determined and collected in the manner prescribed in section thirteen hereof. Any complaints, arising among the consumers of water derived from a system, shall be determined in accordance with the regulations by the Director of Public Works, from whose decision appeal shall lie to the Secretary of Commerce and Police within sixty days after the date of notification of the decision of the Director of Public Works: *Provided, however,* That the decision of the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall be appealable to the Court of First Instance of the district within the time and in the manner provided in section four of this Act. In case of such appeal the court shall try the controversy *de novo.*

"SEC. 34. In order to favor the construction, development, or maintenance of irrigation systems, the Government of the Philippine Islands may exercise the right of eminent domain and acquire any property in this manner and for such purposes, instituting proceedings in accordance with existing laws. Upon filing condemnation proceedings the Government shall have the right of immediate entry and occupation pending the determination by the court of the amount of compensation and damages.

"SEC. 35. If any person shall construct at his own expense works for the diversion and distribution of water to the public for irrigation purposes, the rates to be charged by such person for such service shall be determined from time to time by the Secretary of Commerce and Police: *Provided, however,* That such rates shall not be changed oftener than once in ten years.

"SEC. 36. When the person entitled to the use of water fails to beneficially use all or any part of the water, claimed by him, for a period of five years without good cause, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall declare such unused water reverted to the public and it shall thereafter be regarded as unappropriated water.

"SEC. 37. The Governor-General, for reasons of public policy, may from time to time by proclamation designate as exempt from appropriation any water or waters in the Philippine Islands not previously appropriated, and thereupon the same shall be withdrawn from

appropriation for any use whatsoever under this Act until again made subject to appropriation by a similar proclamation: *Provided, however,* That said proclamation shall not apply to the use of water for domestic purposes. In the case of artesian wells sunk for public purposes the use of any excess of water over the amount necessary for domestic use may be granted for other purposes, by the province or by the municipality, as the case may be, or by the Director of Public Works in the case of Insular wells, subject to rules and regulations to be approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police.

"SEC. 38. The standard of measurement of flow of water shall be the liter per second of time; the standard of measurement of the volume of water shall be the hectare-meter, being the amount of water required to cover one hectare one meter in depth.

"SEC. 39. Water turned into any natural or artificial water course or reservoir by any party entitled to the use of such water may be reclaimed below and diverted therefrom by such party, subject to existing rights, due allowances for losses being made as determined by the Director of Public Works.

"SEC. 40. The right to the use of water for irrigation purposes shall remain appurtenant to the land for which the said right of use is established. If, however, it should at any time become impracticable to use all or any part of said water beneficially or economically for the irrigation of any land to which the right of use of the same is appurtenant, the appropriator may transfer said right to other land, to which it shall become appurtenant, without losing priority of right heretofore established: *Provided,* That no such transfer shall be made at any time to the detriment of existing rights.

"The appropriator desiring such transfer shall make application for the same through the Director of Public Works to the Secretary of Commerce and Police and notice of such application shall be published as provided in section fifteen hereof. If no detriment to existing rights shall appear, the Secretary of Commerce and Police shall approve said transfer, and a certificate of same shall be issued in favor of the new appropriator and recorded in the manner provided in section nine hereof.

"SEC. 41. The Director of Public Works, or any official by him thereunto specifically authorized, in making investigations shall be authorized to issue, of his own accord, or on request of any interested party, subpœnas and subpœnas *duces tecum* for witnesses in any case or inquiry pending before him and shall make the investigation in the province where the waters covered by the investigation are situated: *Provided, however,* That in the event of the witness residing outside of the province in which the investigation is held, or of his being unable to appear before the said Director or authorized official, his testimony may be received by deposition, in accordance with the

provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, before the officers authorized by said Act for taking depositions.

"In case of disobedience to any of the subpœnas mentioned in this section, the Director of Public Works or authorized official may invoke the aid of the Court of First Instance of the province in which the person subpœnaed resides to require such person to appear and give evidence or to make deposition. Such witnesses shall be entitled to the same fees and traveling expenses as witnesses appearing before the Courts of First Instance in civil cases: *Provided, however,* That witnesses so subpœnaed and cost of depositions so requested shall be paid by the Insular Government, in accordance with rules prescribed by the Insular Auditor.

"SEC. 42. Whenever ordered to do so by the Director of Public Works, any ditch owner shall construct and maintain a substantial head gate at the point where the water is diverted and shall construct a measuring device, all in accordance with designs approved by the said Director of Public Works, at the most practicable point or points for measuring and apportioning the water, as determined by the same. If the said works are not completed within ninety days after the receipt by the ditch owner of the order of the Director of Public Works, said Director may extend the time for completion or in his discretion, refuse to deliver water to such owner. The use or taking of water by such ditch owner after such refusal by the Director of Public Works until the completion of such head gate or measuring device and the approval thereof by the said Director shall constitute a misdemeanor under this Act.

"Such devices shall be so arranged that they can be locked, and when locked it shall be a misdemeanor under this Act for any unauthorized person to disturb or change the same, and the use of water through such devices after having been disturbed or changed shall be *prima facie* evidence of the guilt of the person benefited by such interference, disturbance, or change in and of the said device.

"SEC. 43. No appropriator of water shall make use of the same for any other purpose than that for which it was appropriated, nor make any change in the place of diversion, storage, use, or restoration, nor in the works necessary for the use of the same, except upon the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police in the manner prescribed in section forty hereof: *Provided, however,* That no such change shall at any time be approved when the same shall act to the detriment of existing rights. In the event of the approval of changes in the works necessary for the use of the water, such changes will be made upon approved plans, and subject to the inspection of the Director of Public Works, as provided in section seventeen hereof.

"Any failure to conform to the requirements laid down in this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor under this Act.

"SEC. 44. Any person who, after having been notified by the

Director of Public Works that any works are unsafe for the purpose for which they are used, makes use thereof for the storage, diversion, or carriage of waters, until the receipt of a notice from said Director that in his opinion the works are safe, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under this Act.

"If such works are deemed a menace to life or property, any person interested may call on the proper police authorities to take the necessary steps to remove the danger.

"SEC. 45. Any person voluntarily and maliciously interfering with or injuring or destroying any dam, head gate, weir, bench mark, monument, or other appliance for the diversion, carriage, storage, apportioning, or measurement of water, or for any hydrographic or topographic survey, or obstructing or diverting the course of the waters pertaining to any system, or voluntarily and maliciously interfering with any person engaged in the discharge of duties connected therewith, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under this Act, and shall also be liable for the injury or damage resulting from such unlawful act: *Provided, however,* That if the damages occasioned by such violation shall exceed in amount six hundred pesos, the said violation shall constitute a crime and shall be punishable under the provisions of chapter three of title thirteen of the Penal Code.

"The Director of Public Works, or his representative duly authorized thereto, shall have power to arrest any person offending against the provisions of this section, and deliver him to the nearest peace officer of the province. It shall be the duty of the person making the arrest to make complaint at once before a court having jurisdiction thereof.

"In the performance of his duties under this Act, the Director of Public Works may enter upon private property, doing no unnecessary injury thereto: *Provided, however,* That the owner of such private property shall be indemnified for any damage so caused by the Government.

"SEC. 46. The use of water by any person not legally entitled to same or the willful waste of water, including that from Insular, provincial, or municipal artesian wells, to the detriment of another or the public, shall constitute a misdemeanor under this Act.

"SEC. 47. Any violation of the provisions of this Act, declared herein to be a misdemeanor, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred pesos, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months.

"Any violation of the provisions of this Act declared to be a crime shall be punished as such under the provisions of the Penal Code.

"SEC. 48. The Director of Public Works shall receive the following fees, to be collected in advance, and to be paid by him into the general irrigation appropriation within a reasonable time:

"(*a*) For making copy of any document recorded or filed in his office, ten centavos for each one hundred words or fraction thereof.

"(*b*) For certifying to copies of documents, records, or maps, fifty centavos for each certificate.

"(*c*) For blue-print copy of any map or drawing, two centavos per square decimeter or fraction thereof: *Provided,* That the minimum charge for any such copy shall be twenty centavos.

"(*d*) For the examination and inspection of plans of work, at the request of the person interested, the actual cost of examination and inspection, which shall comprise the actual and necessary expenses.

"SEC. 49. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is hereby authorized to issue such regulations as may be necessary and proper in order to give full force and effect to the provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 50. If at any future time the division of irrigation shall be transferred from the Bureau of Public Works to any other Bureau, the Governor-General is hereby empowered and authorized to transfer from the Director of Public Works the duties and powers herein upon him imposed and conferred to the Director of the Bureau to which the transfer is made.

"SEC. 51. No taxes or charges other than those established herein shall be imposed for the use of public waters and the services rendered by the Government under this Act.

"SEC. 52. Wherever required by the sense of the context, the word "person" in this Act shall be construed to mean person, persons, association, or public or private corporation, and the words "Director of Public Works" shall be construed to mean the Director of Public Works or any authorized agent of the Director of Public Works.

"SEC. 53. This Act shall not work to the detriment of rights acquired prior to its passage.

"SEC. 54. The existing *Ley de Aguas* and the provisions of the Civil Code in the matter of waters and all other existing laws dealing with waters and irrigation systems shall continue in force in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and all laws, Acts, or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 55. The short title of this Act shall be 'The Irrigation Act.'

"SEC. 56. The public interest requiring the speedy enactment of this Act, the same shall take effect upon its passage."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to provide a system for the appropriation of public waters, and for the determining of existing rights thereto; for the public registration of all water rights; for the creation and use of water power; for investigations for and the construction, maintenance, and operation of irrigation systems by the Government of the Philippine Islands; for the repayment of money expended therefor; for the construction, maintenance, and operation of irrigation systems by private persons; for the inspection and regulation of all works pertaining to the use of water; and providing penalties for its violation; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendment to Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law,'" disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Guanco, Javier, and Yanson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the conference committee on Commission Bill No. 128.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 984.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga,

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the Chair at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert (after roll call), Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Worcester in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, January 8, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 885, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 885 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

At this point Commissioner Gilbert entered the Session Chamber and took the chair.

JANUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 756, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that the ten thousand pesos appropriated by Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan to pay a part of the expenses of the Philippine Carnival be turned over to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 756 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to make contracts with two American and two Filipino newspapers for the publication of official advertisements.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was read the third time.

Commissioner Worcester moved the following amendment:

Page 1, line 16, strike out the word "the" before the word "contract" and insert the word "each."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved the following amendment:

Strike out the words "of general circulation" in line 4, page 1.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolution, the roll was called and the resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by striking out the words "two American and two Filipino."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 129 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 129, entitled "An Act expressly conferring upon, and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; and authorizing the court to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual "court vacation;" and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date, consideration was postponed.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 147 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date, consideration was postponed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill, by request:

Commission Bill No. 155. An Act granting to the government of the Moro Province title to the area in the harbor of Zamboanga reclaimed by that Government.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 155 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 335.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 884, entitled "An Act facilitating the adjudication and registration of titles to lands in the Philippine

Islands which are provided with *titulos reales* duly issued by the Spanish Government, and appropriating twenty-five thousand pesos a year for the judiciary to take the place of the fees abolished by this Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill provides for the exemption from the payment of Court of Land Registration fees in cases where it shall be proven before the 31st day of December, 1916, that the Spanish Government had duly issued a *titulo real* to the land which is the subject of the application.

The object of the bill, as stated in the title, is to facilitate the adjudication and registration of titles to lands, and the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos is appropriated annually to reimburse the judiciary appropriation for the fees abolished.

Your committee sees no especial reason for the proposed exemption. If the purpose of the bill is to facilitate the registration of titles by means of exemption from the payment of fees, such exemption should be made in favor of those who by reason of their poverty are unable to pay such fees. This, in a measure, is already provided for in section 2 of Act No. 1937. It is believed, however, that the better way to facilitate the registration of titles is not by exemption from the payment of fees, but by means of the cadastral law passed by the Commission and which is now in the hands of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 336.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 19, 1911, resolution No. 16, of the convention of municipal presidents of Pangasinan, adopted November 10, 1911, requesting the passage of a law relative to the appropriation of waters for the purposes of irrigation, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the Secretary be instructed to inform the convention of

municipal presidents of Pangasinan that such a law is now being considered by the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 337.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred the petition of the legislative council of the Moro Province asking that a portion of the municipal reservation at Zamboanga, in said province, as created by resolution of the Commission adopted August 14, 1907, be made a provincial reservation, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and the following resolution accompanying the same was read:

Commission Resolution No. 85. Whereas the legislative council of the Moro Province on June ninth, nineteen hundred and eleven, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Philippine Commission did, on August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, adopt the following resolution, to wit:

" 'Whereas the secretary of the Moro Province has forwarded a resolution of the legislative council of said province, requesting that certain lands situated in the municipality of Zamboanga be reserved for public civil purposes for the use of said municipality: Now, therefore, be it

" '*Resolved,* That the following-described parcel of land be and is hereby reserved for public civil purposes for the use of the municipality of Zamboanga:

" 'Beginning at a stake on the south margin of Calle Magay near

the west bank of the Santa Maria Canal, which point is S. 30° W., a distance of 1.3 meters from the SW. corner of bridge abutment and is numbered "1" on the plot; thence S. 1° 50′ east, a distance of 62 meters to a tack on a large post on west end of dam, which point is numbered "2" on the plot; thence S. 7° 45′ W., a distance of 50.6 meters to a stake, which point is numbered "3" on plot; thence S. 65° 18′ W., a distance of 66 meters to a stake near high tide line, which point is numbered "4" on the plot; then N. 79° 10′ W., along high tide line a distance of 48 meters to a stake, which point is numbered "5" on the plot; thence N. 67° W. along high tide line a distance of 62.1 meters to a point where the east margin of a branch of the Santa Maria Canal intersects high tide line, which point is numbered "6" on the plot; thence N. 20° W., along the east bank of said branch of the Santa Maria Canal a distance of 34 meters to a point numbered "7" on the plot; thence N. 68° 2′ E., along the south margin of Calle Magay a distance of four meters to a point numbered "8" on the plot; thence S. 20° E., a distance of 28.3 meters to a point numbered "9" on the plot; thence S. 78° E., a distance of 54.5 meters to a stake which point is numbered "10" on the plot; thence N. 3° 30′ W., a distance of 13.5 meters to a point numbered "11" on the plot; thence N. 88° E., a distance of 44.9 meters to a stake, which point is numbered "12" on the plot; thence N. 5° 5′ W., a distance of 64.8 meters to a stake on the south margin of Calle Magay, which point is numbered "13" on the plot; thence N. 68° 2′ E., along said south margin of Calle Magay, a distance of 81.3 meters to the point of beginning.

"'Bounded on the north by property of Claudea de los Santos, Vicente Alvarez, Yap Chee (Chino) and D. G. Beebe; on the east by the Santa Maria Canal; on the south by the sea; and on the west by a branch of the Santa Maria Canal. Containing in all 10,868 square meters more or less; and

"'*Resolved further*, That the Governor-General be, and is hereby, authorized to certify said land to the judge of the Court of Land Registration, in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Six hundred and forty-eight; and

"'*Resolved further*, That said land shall not be alienated or incumbered in any way except by consent of the Philippine Commission;' and

"Whereas the municipality of Zamboanga neither has nor will have use or need for the entire above described parcel of land reserved for its use in the foregoing resolution of the Philippine Commission; and

"Whereas, the government of the Moro Province is desirous of obtaining the use of the herein described portion of aforesaid parcel

of land as a site for a provincial warehouse to be constructed at the earliest practicable date:

"Now, therefore, by the legislative council of the Moro Province, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Philippine Commission be, and hereby is, petitioned to reserve from the aforesaid and above-described parcel of land for public civil purposes for the use of the Moro Province the following-described portion thereof:

"Beginning at cor. 1, a point on the Basilan Strait, designated as cor. 3, lot 6, Zamboanga town-site survey, said point being S. 31 degrees 18′ W., 141.84 meters from Mon. 30 Zamboanga town-site survey, said Mon. being set 0.20 meter below the surface at intersection of Calles Magay and Felipe II; thence N. 62° 22′ W. 76.99 meters to cor. 2, N. 11° 54′ E. 10.58 meters to cor. 3, S. 79° 27′ E. 15.89 meters to cor. 4, N. 3° 19′ E. 14.03 meters to cor. 5, S. 87° 03′ E. 23.64 meters to cor. 6, N. 89° 53′ E. 22.27 meters to cor. 7, S. 3° 48′ E. 55.87 meters to cor. 1, point of beginning. Containing an area of 2,289.7 square meters. All bearings true.

"Bounded on the north by land of Yap Gu, and the Moro Province, on the east by the property of the municipality of Zamboanga, on the south by the Basilan Strait, and on the west by the property of Santiago Alvarez and Yap Gu;" and

Whereas the municipal council of Zamboanga has no objection to the proposed change in the reservation described in the above-quoted resolution; and

Whereas the Director of Lands has submitted descriptions of the two proposed reservations, composing the above-described larger reservation, which do not agree with the description of said reservation in the above-quoted resolution of the Commission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Philippine Commission, that its said resolution of August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, be, and is hereby, canceled and annulled; and, be it

Further resolved, That the following-described tract of land, situated in the municipality of Zamboanga, Moro Province, and heretofore forming a part of the larger reservation described in the above-quoted resolution, be, and is hereby, reserved for the use of the city of Zamboanga for municipal purposes, viz:

Beginning at point marked 1 on plan, S. 59° 51′ W. 34.62 m. from monument No. 30, thence S. 4° 33′ W. 148.9 m. to point 2; N. 89° 48′ W. 59.2 m. to point 3; N. 3° 48′ W. 55.87 m. to point 4; N. 3° 46′ W. 35.66 m. point 5; N. 3° 46′ W. 28.58 m. to point 6; N. 17° 38′ W. 0.69 m. to point 7; N. 70° 05′ E. 84.65 m. to point 8; S. 17° 11′ W. 1.46 m. to point 1; point of beginning. Containing 9,321 square meters, and bounded on east by estero; on south by Basilan

Strait; on west by the provincial reservation hereinafter made and properties of Moro Province and Beebe; and, be it

Further resolved, That the following-described tract of land, situated in said municipality of Zamboanga, and heretofore forming a part of the larger reservation described in the above-quoted resolution, be, and is hereby, reserved for the use of the Moro Province, for provincial purposes, viz:

Beginning at point marked 1 on plan, which is identical with point 3 of above described municipal reservation, thence N. 62° 22′ W. 76.99 m. to point 2; N. 11° 54′ E, 10.58 m. to point 3; S. 79° 27′ E. 15.89 m. to point 4; N. 3° 19′ E. 14.03 m. to point 5; S. 87° 03′ E. 23.64 m. to point 6; N. 89° 53′ E. 22.27 m. to point 7; S. 3° 48′ E. 55.87 m. to point 1, point of beginning. Containing 2,290 square meters, and bounded on north by properties of Yap Gu and Moro Province; on east by municipal reservation; on southwest by Basilan Strait; on west by property of Santiago Alvarez.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the resolution by adding at the end thereof the following:

Resolved further, That the Governor-General be, and is hereby, authorized to certify said land to the judge of the Court of Land Registration in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Six hundred and forty-eight.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the adoption of the resolution, the resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary then read for the information of the Commission a communication from the municipal president of Imus, Cavite, extending to the Commission on behalf of the municipal council the greetings of the season.

Ordered acknowledged and filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 984.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes antemeridian,.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian, on Wednesday, January 10, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday January 9, 1912, was read and approved.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSION.

The Secretary read the following resolutions from the Assembly for the information of the Commission:

Assembly Resolution No. 139. Whereas the Bureau of Quarantine Service of the Insular Government is maintained entirely with funds of the Treasury of the Philippine Islands, with regard to salaries and wages as well as to contingent expenses;

Whereas by virtue of the Reorganization Act, Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, the Bureau of Quarantine Service of the Philippine Islands is under the control of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service;

Whereas every obligation carries with it a right, and the duty of defraying the expenses of the Bureau of Quarantine Service incumbent upon the Insular Government should carry with it the right of direct control over the same; and

Whereas the nature of the services rendered by the Bureau of

Quarantine Service requires immediate direction and intervention which is difficult to exercise at a long distance, as would be the direction of Philippine services from the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, made of record that it is the sense of the Assembly that the control and direction of the Bureau of Quarantine Service should be transferred to the Insular Government.

Resolved further, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Philippine Commission and the Resident Commissioners.

Assembly Resolution No. 140. *Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, made a matter of record that it is the sense of this Assembly that the enactment of a Philippine citizenship law by the Legislature is of urgent necessity.

Resolved further, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Resident Commissioners in the United States.

Ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary read the following communication.

MANILA, *January 9, 1912.*

The Honorable,

the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION, *Manila.*

GENTLEMEN: We are in possession of a proposed Commission Bill No. 147, which has been read a first and second time in the Philippine Commission. With reference to said proposed Act, we respectfully beg to draw your attention to the following points:

1. That, in addition to other taxes, the banks operating here at present pay a capital tax of one-half of 1 per cent per annum on their capital employed in the Philippines. (See par. 2, section 111, art. 10, of Act 1189 of the Philippine Commission.)

2. The banks already make very full returns once every three months to the Insular Treasurer and the Attorney-General. These returns, coupled with the fact that the Government examiners have free access to our books at all times, would seem to be sufficient for all governmental purposes so far as banks are concerned.

It seems somewhat unfair that the ordinary banks should be called upon to pay a tax from which insurance or building and loan corporations are exempted, seeing that these latter are direct competitors in the loaning of money.

Under these circumstances, therefore, we would respectfully suggest that ordinary banking corporations be also exempted from compliance with the provisions of this Act.

Yours faithfully,

For the Bank of the Philippine Islands:
JOHN S. HORD, *President.*

For Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China:
F. BENNETT, *Agent.*

For Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation:
A. M. REITH, *Acting Manager.*

For International Banking Corporation:
N. S. MARSHALL, *Manager.*

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the writers of the amendment heretofore made by the Commission of the exemption of banks from the provisions of said bill.

DATE FIXED FOR HEARING OF INTERESTED PARTIES ON COMMISSION BILL NUMBER 147.

Commissioner Gilbert then moved that the Secretary be directed to announce to the public that the Commission on Friday morning, January 12, 1912, at 9 o'clock, will grant to parties interested a hearing on Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor;" said hearing to be limited to one hour.

The motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 338.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 9, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 756, entitled "An Act providing that the ten thousand pesos appropriated by Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan to pay a part of the expenses of the Philippine Carnival be turned over to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three,"

has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

Assembly Bill No. 756 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Commitee Report No. 339.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 16, 1911, resolution No. 119 of the municipal council of Malinao, Albay, requesting the Legislature to pass an Act granting per diems to councilors of the municipalities of these Islands at the rate of ₱5 and ₱10 for each regular and special session, respectively, attended by them, in addition to a salary of ₱15 a month for services rendered to the Bureau of Agriculture, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolution be laid on the table.

The fact is that the aforesaid resolution was adopted by the municipal council of Malinao in view of another similar resolution adopted by the municipal council of Urdaneta, Pangasinan, on October 3, 1911; and as for reasons very worthy of being taken into account the Commission rejected the petition contained in this latter resolution, and as the economic conditions of the municipalities with

respect to this particular matter have not changed, it is clear that the proper recommendation is the one herein made by your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman of the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 340.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on November 11, 1911, Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three entitled, 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it pass with the following amendments:

Section 1, page 2, line 15, strike out the word "fifteenth" and insert in lieu thereof the word "tenth;" line 16, strike out the word "passage" and insert in lieu thereof the word "publication."

Section 2, page 3, line 18, strike out the words "motor vehicles."

Section 3, page 5, line 16, strike out "(*oo*)" and insert in lieu thereof "(*pp*);" page 6, insert the following subsection: "(*nn*) To compel or to make the connection of adjacent premises with the public sewers and to assess the cost thereof when so made upon the property connected;" lines 4 to 6, strike out the words "(*nn*) To assess the costs and expenses in whole or in part of the opening, extending, widening, and improving of all public streets and alleys"

and insert in lieu thereof the words "(*oo*) To assess the costs and expenses of the opening, extending, and widening of all public parks, squares, streets, and alleys;" line 11, insert after the word "Board" the following: "*Provided, however,* That the assessment shall not exceed one-half of such cost and expenses: *And provided further,* That the special assessments herein authorized shall in no case exceed the increase in value inuring to the property assessed;" lines 12 to 15, strike out the words "To assess the costs and expenses in whole or in part of extensions of all sewers, storm-water drains, and water mains upon the premises particularly benefited by such extensions, said premises to be determined by the Board;" line 18, strike out the word "premises" and insert in lieu thereof the word "land;" page 7, line 6, after the word "method" insert the words "and amount;" line 7, after the words "anything else" insert the words "in the ordinance;" line 8, strike out the word "reasonable" and insert in lieu thereof the word "illegal;" lines 12 and 13, strike out the words "be final as to all questions of fact but upon questions of law the objector may" and insert in lieu thereof the words "be final unless the objector."

Insert a new section 5 to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Section forty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three is hereby amended to read as follows:

"'SEC. 47. *Rate per centum of annual tax and method of payment.*—An annual tax of one and one-half per centum on the assessed value of all real estate in the city subject to taxation as hereinbefore provided is hereby levied. All taxes shall be due and payable on or before the first day of July of each year, and if any taxpayer shall fail to pay the taxes assessed against him on or before the first day of July of each year, he shall be delinquent in such payment, and shall be subject to an additional tax of fifteen per centum of the amount of the original tax as a penalty for such delinquency, to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the original tax: *Provided,* That at the option of the taxpayer the payment of one-half of one per centum of the tax for each year may be postponed until the thirty-first day of December of such year, but if he fail to pay the one per centum of the tax on or before the first day of July, then the tax for the whole year shall be delinquent, and the penalty shall be due as hereinbefore provided. If any taxpayer, having paid the one per centum of the taxes due for the year shall fail to pay the remaining half per centum of the tax due for such year on or before the thirty-first day of December of that year, the penalty to be collected shall be fifteen per centum of the amount of the annual tax then due. The penalties thus imposed shall be accounted for by the city assessor and collector in the same manner as the tax. It shall not be essential to the validity of tax sales of real estate that the city assessor and collector

shall have attempted to make out of the personal property of the taxpayer the tax due upon his real estate.'"

Section 5, page 9, change number to 6. In line 24, strike out the words "in Philippine currency;" and in line 29, change "(*nn*)" to "(*oo*)."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and the bill ordered on file for second reading.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON SUNDRY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods."

After some consideration the Committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriations for the Executive, Commission, private secretaries to Resident Commissioners, Executive Bureau, Bureau of Audits, and the Bureau of Civil Service, and asked leave to sit again.

The Auditor and Executive Secretary were present during the consideration of their respective Bureaus.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Thursday, January 11, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 10, 1912, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 341.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was returned on November 8, 1911, report No. 265 on resolution No. 24 of the convention of municipal presidents of Capiz, adopted July 27, 1910, requesting that an Act be passed extending the powers of provincial boards so that they may expend as high as ₱2,000 for public works without the necessity of any intervention on the part of the Bureau of Public Works, with instructions to consider the same in connection with Assembly Bill No. 613, entitled "An Act establishing the office of provincial engineer, amending the Provincial Government Act and amendments thereto," has again examined the same and has the honor to report the matter back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That, Assembly Bill No. 613 having been indefinitely postponed

by the Commission on January 4, 1912, on recommendation of your committee, Report No. 265[1] be now adopted by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

By unanimous consent the Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 985.)

At this point the President returned to the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

SECOND READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 131. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three entitled, "An Act to incorporate the City of Manila," by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: to provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property.

Commission Bill No. 131 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The President left the Session Chamber during the con-

[1] See ante, p. 104.

sideration of the bill, and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted, and,

Pending further consideration of the bill,

CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATION BILL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods."

The Director of Health was present during the consideration of the estimate for the Bureau of Health.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the estimate of the Bureau of Health, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted, and,

Pending further consideration of the bill,

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 342.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 383, entitled "An Act amending various sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty which refers to the administration, temporary leasing and sale of certain haciendas and parcels of land, commonly known as friar lands, as amended, making applicable to said lands the limitations set forth in the Public Land Act with certain exceptions, granting the lessees the right to be heard in the valuation of their lands, providing for a form of administration, maintenance and improvement of irrigation systems on said lands, declaring certain lands used for public purposes by municipalities or provinces to be of the public domain of the municipalities or provinces therein situated, prescribing the

procedure for settling controversies among the lessees over the use of the waters of said systems, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill was originally referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior during the absence of your present Committee. The Governor-General, who was then Acting Secretary of the Interior, referred it back with the recommendation "That consideration of this bill be postponed until the completion of the investigation by Congress of the administration of friar lands in the Philippine Islands." On December 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 893, covering substantially the same ground as is covered by Assembly Bill No. 383, was passed. It is taken for granted that Assembly Bill No. 893 represents the present views of the lower House and further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 383 is therefore unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 343.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Joint Resolutions Nos. 12, 13, and 15, suspending the sale of certain friar lands, has examined the same and has the honor to report them back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the resolutions be laid on the table.

At the time these joint resolutions were originally referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, the Committee reported in favor of delayed action in view of the fact that the whole matter of the sale of friar lands was under investigation by a Congressional Committee.

The primary purpose of the joint resolutions in question seems to be the prevention of the sale of friar lands in large tracts. There is at present in force an order of the Secretary of War prohibiting the sale of these lands in tracts in excess of sixteen hectares in extent, to which limit no one has ever objected. Furthermore, practically no sales of friar lands are being made at the present time, owing largely to the failure of crops during the present year.

Your committee will report in the immediate future on Assembly Bill No. 893, so that the matter can be finally disposed of at the present session of the Philippine Legislature, and there will be no necessity for delaying sales of friar lands because of the fact that this bill is pending.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 344.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on December 22, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed in the amended form herewith transmitted.

Your committee feels that there should be some provision of law authorizing the Director of Lands to show consideration to worthy purchasers or lessees of friar lands, who, as a result of crop failure due to no fault of their own, are unable to pay when due rental on their holdings or installments of the purchase price thereon, as the case may be, but Assembly Bill No. 874, which is obviously primarily intended to make such a course possible, is, in the opinion of your committee, open to several serious objections.

(1) The provision that in no case shall more than one installment of purchase price or more than one annual rental be collected, would be unwise for the reason that in case of a crop failure a purchaser or lessee would have a right to the postponement of the payment of the installment of purchase price due, with interest, or of his rent, as the case might be, notwithstanding the fact that he might have abundant available funds with which to make the payment. A tenant might have several building lots, with houses constructed thereon, which are bringing him good rents. He might have a fish pond and a tract of agricultural land as well. A crop failure would bring him under the provisions of the proposed Act and would

free him from the necessity of making a payment which he could perfectly well make.

(2) Act No. 1847, amending section 11 of the Friar Lands Act, imposes upon the Director of Lands the duty of collecting all payments on account of the purchase price, together with interest, at least one year before the maturity of what are known as the friar lands bonds, that is, on or before February 1, 1933. Existing sales certificates are so drawn as to make the last payment collectible in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Crop failures, coupled with the provision that not more than one installment of purchase price or more than one rental shall be collected in any given year, would render it impossible to make the total collections necessary to redeem the bonds when due, in which event it would be necessary to either appropriate from the general revenues enough to make up the deficit or to provide for the issue of new bonds, and this too in spite of the fact that a bountiful crop following a crop failure might make it perfectly feasible for purchasers or tenants to make two payments in one year.

(3) The provision that the Director of Lands shall collect only one rental or installment during a single year is open to serious objections for the further reason that many purchasers have shown themselves willing and anxious to pay two installments yearly in order to stop the interest running against them and to secure title deeds as soon as possible. Section 13 of the Friar Lands Act confers this right upon them and it would work a useless and needless hardship upon them to prevent them from paying their balances as fast as they saw fit.

(4) In the case of persons who have deliberately become delinquent in the payment of their installments, against whom suits have been instituted to recover the amounts past due, such a provision of law would prevent the Bureau of Lands from recovering more than one delinquent installment during the course of any year.

For instance, there is a delinquency in the payment of the first and second installments; suit is instituted to recover the same; some six months or more will elapse before judgment is obtained from the Court of First Instance, by which time another installment, or probably two, would be due, while the Director of Lands would be restrained from making a collection of more than one installment of rental per year. It would therefore be impossible ever to bring the account up to date, either by voluntary settlement or otherwise.

(5) The bill provides no method of determining whether or not a given tenant has lost more than half of his crop. Certainly the bare statement of the debtor could hardly be accepted as conclusive.

Nevertheless it would appear to be reasonable that some legislation should be passed which would permit the Director of Lands

and the Secretary of the Interior to postpone friar lands collections when the making of such collections would cause suffering.

The passage of the bill as amended is recommended.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The following is the form in which the bill was recommended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior:

SECTION 1. Section fourteen of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty is hereby amended by adding to the end thereof the following:

"*Provided*, That when, by reason of fire, flood, drought, or other calamity arising in consequence of the act of God or of the public enemy, the crops of a lessee or purchaser shall be damaged or destroyed to such an extent that the ordinary market value of the harvest for the year in which such calamity occurs shall be less than one-half of the value of an average annual harvest, the Director of Lands, by administrative order, may suspend the collection of rental, or the installment of the purchase price, or interest due on the deferred payments, or both installment and interest, corresponding to the period of such calamity, if it shall be made to appear to his satisfaction that such loss has actually occurred without contributory negligence on the part of said lessee or purchaser, and that the latter has no sufficient income other than that derived from the sale of his crops from which to make payment of the rental or installment and interest due.

"The rental or installment or interest so suspended may be collected at the next period of payment specified in the contract of lease or the sale certificate, or distributed through the periods remaining on the contract of lease or the sale certificate, as the Director of Lands may consider just and reasonable."

SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the same shall take effect on its passage, in accordance with section one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature.

The report was accepted and, by unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 874 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior thereon.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment of the standing committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Friday, January 12, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta (after roll call), Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, January 11, 1912, was read and approved.

HEARING OF PERSONS INTERESTED ON COMMISSION BILL NO. 147.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole in order to give a hearing to interested persons on the subject of Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor." A number of representatives of the business community, particularly of the Manila Merchants' Association and the Manila Chamber of Commerce, were present and addresses were made by Messrs. C. S. Derham, W. S. Macleod, J. W. Haussermann, W. H. Lawrence, and J. M. Switzer.

At 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian, the hearing

was closed and the committee rose and recommended that further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 9, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 9, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 927, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission. An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 927 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 28.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

(1) That the Commission agree to the increase of the number of Government fellowships provided for in section 1 of the bill, as amended by it, so that there shall be twenty permanent fellowships instead of only ten.

(2) That the Commission likewise agree to having section 2 of the amended bill read as follows:

"SEC. 2. An appointee under this Act shall be a citizen of the Philippine Islands of sound physical constitution and good character, and shall have studied and completed some professional, technical, scientific, artistic, or industrial course in the University of the Philippines and received a degree therefrom, or in some other educational institution of standing in the United States, Europe or the Philippine Islands."

(3) That the Commission agree to amend section 6 of its amendment to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. The holders of fellowships under this Act shall each receive, in monthly or quarterly installments, one thousand two hundred pesos a year; and they shall be entitled to tuition fees and to reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for travel and subsistence to and from their homes in the Philippine Islands and their respective places of study in America or Europe, and for textbooks."

(4) That the Commission agree to increase the continuing annual appropriation made in section 7 from ₱30,000 to ₱60,000; and,

(5) That as so amended the Assembly concur in the amendment of the Commission.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
GREGORIO NIEVA,
TOMÁS G. DEL ROSARIO,
ANGEL SALAZAR,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 874. An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected.

Assembly Bill No. 874 was read the third time.

Commissioner Worcester moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 7, strike out the word "ordinary" and insert in lieu thereof the word "prevailing."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester then moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section fourteen of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty by providing for the suspension of payments of rentals or installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands, and the interest thereon, in the event of calamities arising in consequence of the acts of God or of the public enemy.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

At this point Commissioners Gilbert and Luzuriaga left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Worcester took the chair.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 345.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 662, entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of Labor to commence and carry on civil and criminal actions on behalf of the working classes; to employ the services of the prosecuting officers of the Government in such actions; creating the position of law clerk in the Bureau of Labor, fixing

the salary of said position and making an appropriation therefor," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

There are some good features in this bill, but it is open to objections which in my judgment should prevent its being enacted into law. It is class legislation, which will tend to promote litigation and disturb the relations between employer and employee. It also creates a new office, and will require an additional appropriation, which is not advisable at present. There is no necessity for a law clerk in the Bureau of Labor.

It would further transfer the control of the fiscals, even in criminal cases, from the court and the Bureau of Justice to the Director of Labor, thus making a radical and undesirable change in the law.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 346.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 6, 1912, resolution No. 101 of the assembly of municipal presidents of the Province of Pangasinan requesting legislation increasing the punishment for cattle stealing, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the communication be laid on the table.

At the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed increasing the punishment for the theft of work animals, and for this reason your committee sees no necessity for the proposed legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 347.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 888, entitled "An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit the collection of the land tax for the years nineteen hundred and two, nineteen hundred and three, nineteen hundred and four, and nineteen hundred and five, under certain conditions, and extending the time for the redemption of lands and improvements which have been sold for delinquency in the payment of the land tax," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

Several petitions and other bills to similar effect as this bill have been considered by your committee, and laid on the table on its recommendation, and your committee sees no change in conditions which would warrant the proposed legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 348.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 889, entitled "An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit, suspend, or postpone the payment, without penalty, of the land tax, in whole or in part, in their respective provinces during the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and appropriating the sum of one million three hundred and forty-five thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse to the provinces and municipalities the amounts collected by them from land taxes during the year nineteen hundred and eleven," and a petition from the municipal council of Cabatuan for a suspension of the land tax for the year 1912, has examined the same and has the honor to report them back to the Commission with the recommendation that they be laid on the table.

The only change the bill makes in existing law is to eliminate the Governor-General's approval of resolutions suspending or remitting the land tax, and as your committee believes this executive supervision desirable, and that there is no good reason for further

considering the petition, for reasons stated in various former reports on similar petitions, your committee recommends that the bill and petition be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

At this point Commissioner Gilbert returned to the Session Chamber and resumed the chair.

[Committee Report No. 349.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Commission Bill No. 25, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth; providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Add at the end of section 4 the following proviso:

"*Provided, however,* That the Governor-General by executive order may reduce the registration fee of all 'large cattle' except mules, from one peso to not less than fifty centavos for each animal registered, when such animal has been spayed or castrated and may for the purpose of maintaining municipal revenues sufficient to meet the expense of such registration, increase such registration fee for each entire male animal so registered, except mules, from one peso to not more than two pesos."

Insert the following as new sections 5 and 6 and change following section numbers accordingly:

"SEC. 5. In addition to the registration of ownership hereinbefore

provided for, for the purpose of improving the live stock of the Philippine Islands, the Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish a system for the registration of domestic animals of superior breeding classes and to issue a certificate of merit for each animal so registered, and to promulgate rules and regulations therefor. He may charge a reasonable fee for such registration and certificate: *Provided*, That until January first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, such registration shall be made and certificate issued free of charge.

"SEC. 6. No person shall charge a fee for breeding service of any male animal unless such animal is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the regulations of the Director of Agriculture. If any fee is charged in violation of this section, the person charged may recover from the owner of such animal a sum equal to three times the amount of the fee charged."

Section 6, line 13, insert the word "signature" after the word "name."

Section 7, line 26, insert the words "to be paid by party to whom issued" after the word "each;" add at end of section the words "and the regulations made by the Executive Secretary."

Insert the following as new section 11 and change following section numbers accordingly:

"SEC. 11. The Executive Secretary shall provide for the establishment of a central set of records whereby the ownership of 'large cattle' may be ascertained, from which records he shall cause to be published as soon as practicable a directory which shall set forth the name and address of owners, location and description of animals registered, showing the brands, class, sex, age and date, number, and kind of certificate issued. Said directory shall be revised or supplemented once each year. The Executive Secretary shall cause copies of said directory to be delivered to all senior inspectors of Philippine Constabulary in provinces, provincial governors, municipal treasurers and presidents of municipalities."

Section 9, change to read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation, who imports into the Philippine Islands any animal included in the term 'large cattle,' to register such animal with the Director of Agriculture or his duly authorized representative at the port of entry, or such other person as may be designated by the Executive Secretary for the importation of 'large cattle:' *Provided*, That all large cattle imported for slaughter under the provisions of this section and not actually slaughtered within a period of sixty days thereafter, shall be registered in accordance with section four of this Act: *Provided further*, That all 'large cattle' before being removed alive from the

port of entry for any purpose other than immediate slaughter, shall first be registered in accordance with section four of this Act."

Section 10, page 5, line 6, insert the words "breeding or" after the words "work or."

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and, by unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 25 was read the second time, and together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction thereon, ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

[Committee Report No. 350.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on November 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 140, entitled "An Act to amend section thirty-four of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,' by exempting the owners of large cattle over two years of age who voluntarily present the same for branding and registration from the penalty established in said Act, and repealing in such cases section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out sections 2 and 3 in their entirety.

Section 2 is an attempt to repeal in part section 40 of Act No. 1627. It is not believed by your committee that this will accomplish any good purpose.

Section 3 provides for the bill to take effect on its passage, and it

is believed that provincial officers should have knowledge of the law when it goes into effect.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 140 was read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in Committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that the preamble be stricken out.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert then moved that the title be amended by striking out the words "and repealing in such case section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 156. An Act to appropriate the sum of seven thousand pesos for the continuation of Government scholarships in the College of Veterinary Science in the University of the Philippines.

Commission Bill No. 156 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Gilbert then moved to strike out section 2 in its entirety.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and Commission Bill No. 156 was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commissioner Luzuriaga returned to the Session Chamber at this point.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 157. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell certain lands with their equipment which are now occupied by the Bureau of Agriculture as experiment stations and setting aside the proceeds from the sales thereof for the purpose of establishing and maintaining demonstration farms by the Bureau of Agriculture.

Commission Bill No. 157 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "and for other purposes."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," the Director and Assistant Director of Lands being present during the consideration of the estimate for the Bureau of Lands.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the estimate of the Bureau of Lands, and asked leave to sit again.

Commissioner Araneta entered the Session Chamber at this point.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 158. An Act to provide funds for the treatment of poor persons in the Philippine General Hospital, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 158 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Amend section 1 to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. The sum of one hundred thousand pesos is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be available until expended for and in the

care and treatment in the Philippine General Hospital of poor persons, residents of the Philippine Islands, in need of medical or surgical attention."

Strike out section 3 in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 985.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Saturday, January 13, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, January 12, 1912, was read and approved.

The President entered the Session Chamber at this point and assumed the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part pertaining to the Bureau of Public Works, the Director of Public Works being present.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

The President and Commissioner Palma absent, Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

COMMISSION BILL NO 25, THE CATTLE REGISTRATION BILL POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 25, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth; providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date, consideration was postponed.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 147, REQUIRING REPORTS BY CORPORATIONS, POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date, consideration was postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 79, entitled "An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 29.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission agree to amend lines 8 to 11, section 1, page 1, to read as follows:

"Where the franchise is for the operation of a steam railroad or marine railway, five-tenths to the Insular Government, two-tenths to the province or provinces concerned, and three-tenths to the municipality or municipalities concerned;" and that the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Assembly to line 14, section 1, page 1, so that lines 12 to 15 shall read as follows:

"Where the franchise is for the operation of an interurban electric or tramway line, one-fifth to the Insular Government, one-fifth to the province or provinces concerned, and three-fifths to the municipality or municipalities concerned."

That the Assembly recede from its amendment to lines 1, 2, and 3 of section 1, page 2, so that the paragraph beginning with line 16 of page 1 and ending with line 9 of page 2 shall read as follows:

"Where the franchise is for a municipal public service entirely within the limits of the municipality, one-fifth to the Insular Government, one-fifth to the province and three-fifths to the municipality: *Provided,* That if, under the franchise, the grantee, his lessees, successors or assigns is entitled to, and does in fact, transact business in any other municipality, then the said gross earnings tax shall be apportioned between the municipalities or provinces concerned in proportion to the gross receipts from business transacted within their respective limits."

C. B. ELLIOTT,
JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
LUCAS PAREDES,
JOSÉ TUPAS,
HERMOGENES REYES,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 116, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

Ordered further, That Commission Bill No. 116 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 351.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 9, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 744, entitled "An Act to amend articles four hundred and forty-three and four hundred and forty-six of the Penal Code, relating to the crimes of seduction and abduction," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The purpose of this bill is to amend articles 443 and 446 of the Penal Code, the first of which penalizes the crime of *estupro,* and the second the crime of *rapto,* committed with the woman's consent, by reducing the age up to which a woman is protected by those articles from 23 years, as now fixed in both cases, to 18 in the case of *estupro* and 21 in the case of *rapto.*

Your committee referred this matter to the Code Committee for comment and recommendation. That committee, in a lucid and convincing report signed by its president, to which attention is directed, is of the unanimous opinion that the articles in question should remain unchanged. In the opinion of your committee the reasoning of the Code Committee against the proposed change is sound and entitled to great weight.

It is true that the Legislature has by Act No. 1891 reduced to 21 the age of majority fixed in article 320 of the Civil Code, but this can not be argued in favor of the bill now under consideration for the reason that there was left in force the article immediately following (No. 321), which provides that unmarried daughters under the age of 25 can not leave the parental home without permission of the father or mother in whose company they live, unless to marry or when the father or mother has contracted another marriage, it evidently being deemed that a woman of 21, although capable of exercising ordinary civil rights, had not yet acquired that maturity of judgment essential for her protection against the seductions of unscrupulous men.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted

The President entered the Session Chamber at this point and resumed the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 159. An Act amending section twenty-five (*d*), of Act Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, known as "Revised Civil Service Act."

Commission Bill No. 159 was read the first time and referred to Commissioner Araneta as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 160. An Act amending Act Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled "The Public Land Act," by providing that persons, associations, and corporations may acquire by purchase public lands not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent for purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, and that provinces,

municipalities or other municipal corporations may acquire by purchase public lands for cemetery or park purposes not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 160 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 129 IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission proceeded to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Commission Bill No. 129, entitled "An Act expressly conferring upon, and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; and authorizing the court to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual 'court vacation;' and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases," heretofore postponed.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice be concurred in with the following amendments:

Section 3, strike out the words at the end thereof "or of one of the associate justices whom the court, by resolution, may designate for that purpose if the Chief Justice submits the matter to the court" and insert in lieu thereof the words "or, in the event of his death, disability, or absence, of one of the associate justices whom the court, by resolution, may designate for that purpose."

Section 4, insert after the words "approval by the Chief Justice or" the words "in the event of his death, disability, or absence."

Section 5, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The designation of the justice of the Supreme Court who shall remain on duty during any vacation period of the court shall be made in such manner as the court by resolution shall direct."

Section 6, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. The right of the justices of the Supreme Court to leave of absence may be exercised by them subject only to approval in

such manner as the court by resolution may direct: *Provided, however,* That all such leaves of absence shall be so arranged as never to deprive the court of a quorum during its regular sessions."

Section 7, insert after the words "no justice shall at any time have to his credit" the words "by virtue of this section;" and strike out the words "under the provisions of such Act" wherever they occur, and insert in lieu thereof the words "under the provisions of that Act."

Section 8, strike out all down to and including the words "end of the next calendar year" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 8. The Supreme Court may hold regular sessions throughout the whole of the period designated by law for its annual court vacation, and the right to three months' leave of absence as prescribed in section six shall accrue to all the justices of the court on the first day of April of any year in which the court adopts a resolution so to do: *Provided,* That no justice of the court shall have at any time to his credit, more than the leave of absence allowed in lieu of three annual court vacations."

Section 9, strike out in its entirety.

Section 11, strike out in its entirety.

Change section numbers accordingly.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Commissioner Palma returned to the Session Chamber during the consideration of the bill in Committee of the Whole.

The President absent, Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 161. An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by amending paragraph two thereof to extend the provisions of the subsection to civilian employees of the United States and to provide for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of such funds of deceased Americans as may remain on deposit in the Postal Savings Bank one year after the date of the death of the owner thereof, and by adding at the end of said subsection a paragraph conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as

may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 161 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Palma as a select committee for report and recommendation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Secretary read a communication from the president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce urging the passage of Assembly Bill No. 633, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," laid on the table by the Commission on January 4, 1912.

Ordered filed.

The Secretary then read a circular from the Rigsdagens Bureau of Denmark advising of a proposed amendment to the Danish constitution with reference to the qualifications for voting and holding office, submitted to the Landsting on October 3, 1911 by the minister of the interior.

Ordered acknowledged and filed.

The Secretary then submitted a communication from the consul for the French Republic transmitting five volumes of the Annals of the Senate, ordinary and special sessions of 1910.

Ordered, That the Secretary acknowledge receipt of the documents with thanks and turn them over to the Philippine Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see p. 985.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 35 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Monday, January 15, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, January 13, 1912, was read and approved.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part pertaining to the Bureaus of Science, Forestry, and Quarantine Service, the Director of the Bureau of Science and the Director of Forestry being present during the consideration of the estimates for their respective Bureaus.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported that it had completed consideration of the estimates for

the proposed appropriations for the Bureaus of Science, and Quarantine Service, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted, and,

Pending further consideration of the bill,

Commissioner Elliott moved that it was the sense of the Commission that hereafter, before the meeting of the Legislature, the Committee on Appropriations of the Commission send out notices to the chiefs of the different Bureaus and Offices with reference to the form of estimate, and that the bill be prepared by said committee along those lines.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Worcester and, being put to a vote, was carried.

The President in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 10, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 10, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 940, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 940 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 10, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 10, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 941, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the

salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 941 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 352.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 533, entitled "An Act to establish special classes for midwives in connection with the classes for male and female nurses, for the instruction of Filipino women in the practice of obstetrics and puericulture, and to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

In the opinion of your committee it would be unwise to establish a special class for midwives as this would lead to a continuance of a vocation which is being rapidly made needless in all civilized countries by the work of physicians and properly trained nurses. In making this statement your committee, of course, includes the Philippine Islands among the civilized countries of the world. Graduates of the Philippine Medical School and the Philippine Training School for nurses are becoming available in constantly increasing numbers. It is believed that the field now open to midwives will be filled quite rapidly by the two classes of better trained persons above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 353.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 893, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty relating to the administration, temporary lease, and sale of certain haciendas and lands, commonly known as friar lands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The first amendment provides that preference shall be given to old tenants. In selling or leasing this land preference has invariably been given to persons who were bona fide occupants at the time the Government acquired the lands and where disputes have arisen the Bureau of Lands has allowed the matter to go into court and has abided by the decision of the court. This provision is, therefore, needless.

The second amendment in the Friar Lands Act is obviously intended to provide against the sale of more than 16 hectares of such land to an individual or more than 1,024 hectares to a corporation, although it is doubtful if this end is accomplished by the language of the Act. Such limitation is at present imposed upon friar lands sales by an executive order of the Secretary of War. The Committee on Insular Affairs of the Congress of the United States have had clearly set before them the arguments for and against the application of such limits in the sale of vacant friar lands. The President of the United States has recently notified Congress of the wish of the present Secretary of War to remove the limits imposed by the order of his predecessor. It is therefore apparent that this matter is in a fair way to be settled by Congress and action by the Philippine Legislature at this juncture would therefore seem to your committee to be untimely. Furthermore, the provision in the proposed Act relative to this matter is unsatisfactory for the reason that no provision is made for meeting that part of the bond issue used to cover the purchase of the vacant friar lands, most of which must obviously remain unsold when the bonds become due and for an indefinite time thereafter if the proposed limitations are imposed.

The total cost of these lands, with the interest thereon, at the time the bonds become due would amount to more than two-thirds of the original cost of the friar lands and would, of course, render the retirement of the bonds utterly impossible without a very large appropriation from Insular funds. It is not believed, if this question were understood, that the people of the Philippine Islands would be willing to be taxed to raise this very large sum in order

to keep these great tracts of land in their present condition, and this would be the direct and necessary result of such legislation.

The proposed Act provides in effect for the setting aside of all values fixed to date and for the establishment of a board of assessors to fix such values. There would be involved some 40,000 contracts for lease or sale by the Government to private individuals, which contracts have already been entered into and which would be upset. Many purchasers have already paid in full for their land, and paragraph 4 of section 5 of the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, provides that no law impairing the obligation of contracts shall be enacted. Sales and the payments of installments of purchase price, and interest thereon, would necessarily come to a standstill during the very long period involved in this revaluation work and the endless appeals which are provided for in the proposed law, but the interest on the bonds would continue to run and the day of final settlement would continue to draw nearer. The cost to the Government involved in the carrying out of the proposed Act would run into millions of dollars. The single item of interest on the bonds during one year, which would certainly be a minimum period in which to make revaluations, would be ₱600,000, and this is only one of numerous items to be considered. Absolutely no adequate reason is known to your committee for thus increasing the burdens of the Filipino people, which must be met from Insular funds derived from taxation. The fact that tenants generally were satisfied with the valuation fixed on their lands is abundantly demonstrated by their having purchased them.

Section 6 contains a provision which, if adopted, would make a gift of all lands that on the 10th day of December, 1898, were in the possession of or occupied by municipalities or provinces where such lands are situated, or by other persons by virtue of contracts with such municipalities or provinces, or which may have been used as squares, parks, streets, or as sites occupied by public buildings such as schools, markets, municipal cemeteries, municipal or provincial buildings, or for any other purpose of a public character, to the municipalities and provinces in question. At about this time the people of the Philippine Islands were in insurrection against the Spanish Government. It is impossible to state, without an investigation which there is not time to make, what friar lands were at that time in the possession of or occupied by municipalities or provinces, but it seems probable that a claim for occupation could be established against most of the land purchased. It happens to be known to your committee that the San José Estate was occupied at or about this time by organized Filipino forces which were exporting cattle and are presumed by your committee to have been administering the estate, so that the proposed provision of law might perhaps lead to the Government's losing all of the receipts from this great estate. But whether the area affected be large or

small the principle involved in this proposed amendment is, in the opinion of your committee, highly objectionable, for the reason that if the lands involved were presented to municipalities and provinces as a gift the beneficiaries would be the Provinces of Isabela, Bulacan, Rizal, Cavite, La Laguna, Mindoro, Cebu, and a very limited number of their municipalities only, and the people of the remaining provinces and municipalities of the Philippine Islands would have to pay the lion's share of the cost involved in making these very valuable and expensive gifts. Your committee believes that the passage of such an obviously unjust measure would provoke bitter opposition, except from the direct beneficiaries, as soon as its true import became generally known.

Pages might be filled with important and detailed objections to the proposed Act but it is believed that abundant cause has been shown why it should be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 1 o'clock and 20 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Tuesday, January 16, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, January 15, 1912, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE—OUT OF ORDER.

[Committee Report No. 354.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 12, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Amend sections 1 and 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. A continuing annual appropriation of two hundred thousand pesos is hereby made, from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated in lieu of the appropriation of two hundred and thirty thousand pesos made in Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifteen, which has expired by virtue of said Act, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and defined by resolutions of the Philippine Commission

dated April thirtieth, May fifteenth, July eleventh, and July twenty-first, ninteen hundred and six, and August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, and such other contracts as are authorized by this Act: *Provided, however,* That this appropriation shall terminate on the twenty-sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

"SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce and Police is hereby authorized to modify or renew the aforesaid contracts when necessary, or to enter into new contracts at any time on the general terms and conditions set forth in section one of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten: *Provided, however,* That:

"(*a*) Bids therefor need not be advertised for in the United States;

"(*b*) Such contracts shall be approved by the Governor-General in place of the Philippine Commission;

"(*c*) No contract shall be entered into or renewed for a period extending beyond July twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

"*Provided further, however,* That in order to avoid the disarrangement of the present system of transportation during the period from the expiration of the former contracts and the execution of new contracts hereunder, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, with the approval of the Governor-General, is authorized to make temporary arrangements for the continuance in force on terms approved by him of such of the former contracts as he may deem advisable, from the date of the expiration of the former contracts until the time of the execution of the new contracts contemplated and authorized by this Act, and to authorize the payment during that time as subsidies for services rendered of an amount which shall not, however, exceed the proportion of the annual appropriation hereunder which the time covered by such temporary contracts forms of an entire year.

"Such contracts may contain a provision for the payment of subsidies from this appropriation to the contracting steamship companies: *Provided, however,* That the total subsidy payments called for by the terms of the contracts entered into under the authority of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten and the resolutions mentioned in the first section of this Act, and the contracts authorized by this section, shall in no year exceed the funds available under the provisions of this Act."

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 927 was thereupon read the second

time and referred to the Committee of the Whole, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police thereon.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 1, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "two hundred thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and fifty thousand pesos."

Section 2, strike out the word "and" in the second proviso and insert in lieu thereof the words "until the time of;" insert at the end of the paragraph ending with the words "an entire year" the following: "Temporary contracts which may have been entered into of the kind herein specifically authorized are hereby confirmed."

That section 3 be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. This appropriation shall be available as of the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven, and shall be disbursed in accordance with the general provisions of law governing the disbursement of Insular funds and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten. All fines and payments collected under authority of this Act shall be paid into the Insular Treasury as miscellaneous receipts."

Change section 4 to 5 and insert a new section 4 as follows:

"SEC. 4. This Act shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten which are not inconsistent herewith."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Branagan moved to amend the title by striking out the words "and reimbursable."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title by inserting after the word "appropriation" the words "to aid in developing interisland transportation and" and after the

words "thirteen hundred and ten" the words "and by this Act."

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

The President entered the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 12, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 929, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the Municipal Board of the city of Manila and the Bureau of Public Works to provide for the payment of the compensation and other expenses to their respective unclassified employees and laborers injured in the performance of their duties, and of a donation in cash to the families of such unclassified employees and laborers dying from injuries resulting from labor accidents.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 929 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Araneta as a select committee for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 12, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 694, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending sections thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-eight, known as The Forest Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 694 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 129. An Act expressly conferring upon and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; and authorizing the court to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual "court vacation;" and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases.

Commission Bill No. 129 was read the third time.

Commissioner Gilbert moved the following amendment:

Section 8, page 4, line 6, insert after the word "absence" the words "to be exercised."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Branagan moved the following amendment:

Section 8, page 4, line 7, strike out the word "judges" and insert in lieu thereof the word "justices."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Worcester moved the following amendment:

Change sections 9 and 10 to 10 and 11, respectively, and insert the following as new section nine:

"SEC. 9. The total amount of leave which may be enjoyed by any justice of the Supreme Court at any one time shall not exceed one year."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the Supreme Court to control and manage all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual "court vacation;" and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 355.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Insert the following before section 1:

"SECTION 1. The following shall constitute sections one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty-nine, and one hundred and fifty of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four.'"

Section 1, page 1, line 1, strike out the words "section 1" and insert in lieu thereof the words "section 148;" line 3, strike out the words "have been" and insert in lieu thereof the word "are;" line 6, strike out the words "and billiard halls" and insert in lieu thereof the words "billiard halls and retail dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic fermented liquors."

Section 2, pages 1 and 2, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 149. Of the proceeds of the poll or personal cedula tax one-half shall be for the benefit of the provincial government and the other half for the benefit of the municipal government within the jurisdiction of which the same are assessed and collected: *Provided*, That in those provinces where the price of cedulas shall have been increased in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Government Act, as amended by Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two, the additional amount collected by virtue thereof shall be applied to the purposes therein specified."

Section 3, page 2, line 7, strike out the words "SEC. 3" and insert in lieu thereof the words "SEC. 150;" line 8, strike out the words "ten per centum;" lines 9 and 10, strike out the words "under the provisions of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine" and insert in lieu thereof the words "by virtue of the provisions of this Act, seven per centum;" line 11, strike out the words "twenty per centum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "fourteen per centum;" lines 14 and 15, strike out the words "as provided by Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, as amended" and insert in lieu thereof the words "as hereinafter provided in this Act;" line 24, strike out the words "of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eigthy-nine, as amended" and insert in lieu thereof the words "of this Act;" lines 25, 27 and 29, strike out the words "ten per centum" and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "seven per centum;" page 3,

line 15, strike out the words "cities of Manila and Baguio" and insert in lieu thereof the words "city of Manila;" line 16, strike out the word "apportionment" and insert in lieu thereof the word "disbursement;" line 18, strike out the word "audited" and insert in lieu thereof the word "countersigned;" line 20, strike out the words "twenty per centum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "fourteen per centum;" lines 26 to 31, strike out the words "*And provided further,* That the amount to be apportioned for the Moro Province and the municipalities therein shall accrue to the treasury of the Moro Province without division and shall constitute a part of the general funds of the Moro Province to be expended in the discretion of the legislative council for provincial, district;" and on page 4, line 1, strike out the words "and municipal purposes."

Section 4, page 4, change number to 2.

The Congress of the United States, by an Act approved on August 5, 1909, provided "that from and after the passage of this Act, all internal revenues collected in or for account of the Philippine Islands shall accrue intact to the General Government thereof and be paid into the Insular Treasury, and shall only be allotted and paid out therefrom in accordance with future Acts of the Philippine Legislature; subject, however, to section seven of the Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes:' *Provided,* That, until action by the Philippine Legislature approved by Congress, internal revenues paid into the Insular Treasury as hereinbefore provided shall be allotted and paid out by the Philippine Commission."

In pursuance of the above, the Philippine Commission passed Act No. 1964, entitled "An Act providing for the apportionment and disposition of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands on and after August sixth, nineteen hundred and nine."

The apportionment provided in said Act is the same as that provided by sections 148, 149, and 150 of Act No. 1189, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," with the single exception that in Act No. 1964 it is provided that the amount of internal revenue accruing to provincial and municipal governments shall not exceed the amount which accrued to them during the fiscal year 1909.

Under this provision the share received both by the provincial and municipal treasuries of the internal-revenue collections during the fiscal years 1910 and 1911 was limited to ₱1,571,769.80, the same amount that they had during the fiscal year 1909. The bill as passed by the Assembly attempts to reëstablish the provisions of sections 148, 149, and 150 of the Internal Revenue Law of 1904 before the same was repealed by Act No. 1964 of the Philippine Commission; that is, to give both to the provincial and municipal treasuries

20 per cent of the internal-revenue taxes accruing to the Insular Treasury without the limitation fixed in Act No. 1964.

Assuming, for the purposes of comparison, that the collections during the second half of the fiscal year 1912 will be the same as during the first half of the year, and that collections for the year 1913 will be the same as for the year 1912, if the proposed Act is passed the portion of the internal-revenue taxes accruing to the Insular Government would be ₱1,521,688.08 less than under Act No. 1964. Your committee believes that the present condition of the Insular Treasury will not permit such a reduction in the Insular revenues.

In the opinion of your committee, if the portion of both the provincial and municipal governments be reduced from 20 per cent to 14 per cent without the limitation now fixed, the municipalities and provinces will receive somewhat more than they now receive under Act No. 1964, and will be able to share in any future increases in collections.

Under the hypothesis above, and giving them 14 per cent of such internal-revenue collections, their share will be ₱1,618,864.68, an increase of ₱47,094.88 over what they are receiving under Act No. 1964.

The bill as amended by your committee reënacts the provisions of section 150 of the Internal Revenue Law by reducing the share of municipal and provincial treasuries in the internal-revenue collections to 14 per cent, and eliminating therefrom the provisions relating to territory over which the Legislature has no control.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 824 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in; that the bill be further amended by striking out in line 11, page 4, the words "every province" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "provinces."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by striking out the words "distribution and application" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "apportionment and disposition."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Commission Bill No. 147, entitled "An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor."

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection

therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property."

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, consideration of Commission Bill No. 25, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth, providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes," was made a special order for Wednesday, January 17, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Wednesday, January 17, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 16, 1912 was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER—CATTLE REGISTRATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of Commission Bill No. 25, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth; providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle; repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes," made a special order for this date.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendments recommended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction be concurred in with the following amendment:

Sections 2 and 3, insert in the blank space in said sections the words "January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen."

Section 6, insert between the words "the provisions" and "of this Act" the words "of section five."

Section 10, insert the words "the identification of" before the words "each animal registered therein."

Section 13, insert the word "domestic" before the words "animal included in the term;" and in the proviso of said section insert the word "domestic" between the words "kill" and "carabao."

Section 16, amend the proviso to read as follows:

"*Provided,* That such animals shall be registered free of charge."

Section 17 (*a*), after the words "post immediately" strike out the words "in Spanish and the local dialect;" and in subsection (*c*), strike out the words "highest and best bidder" and insert in lieu thereof the words "highest bidder."

Section 24, insert in the blank space therein the words "January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen."

Section 25, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. Any person purchasing or selling an animal required by this Act to be registered without procuring the issuance therefor of a certificate of transfer as hereinbefore provided, or purchasing an animal known by him to have been stolen, or any person who secures the return of a lost or stolen animal to its owner conditioned upon the payment of money or other valuable consideration, or who in any way aids or abets any person or persons in the secreting or disposition of any stolen animal or who knowingly accepts or harbors any stolen animal included in the term 'large cattle,' or violates the provisions of section fifteen of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years."

Section 26, strike out in its entirety.

Section 27, change number to 26, and insert the word "twelve" in the blank space therein.

Section 28, change number to 27.

Section 29, strike out in its entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act providing for and regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; the surrender of certificates of ownership of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, and lost; and providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions, repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 15, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 15, 1912, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11, entitled "Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to make contracts with two American and two Filipino newspapers for the publication of official advertisements."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 12, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 953, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the

excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the measures which should be adopted to combat it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 953 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 12, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 12, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 937, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the provinces and subprovinces of the Philippines to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of the Philippines or any other official educational centers in Manila.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 937 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 13, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 13, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 866, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing and directing the Insular Treasurer, in the representation of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to bring suit to recover, and, at the proper time, receive and receipt for funds belonging to the subscription opened for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to distribute said funds in accordance with the allotments made

by the central relief board appointed at that time, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 866 was read the first time by title only and referred to a select committee consisting of the President, and Commissioners Palma and Araneta, for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 356.]

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 12, 1912, resolution No. 9 of the provincial board of Pangasinan, requesting extension of time for use of Spanish as official language, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this petition be laid upon the table.

The matter of continuing the time at which English will be made the official language of the courts has been discussed so many times by your committee and at such length that it seems unnecessary to repeat the reasons now. Suffice it to say that a further postponement would be unjust to the hundreds of thousands of children at present studying in the public schools, and to the Filipino youth which is studying and which has studied among other things law in the United States, the Government University, and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 357.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 15, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 862, entitled "An Act to increase the compensation of the justice of the peace of the city of Manila,"

has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The amendment proposed is covered by Assembly Bill No. 941, the passage of which your committee to-day recommended.[1]

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 358.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on November 25, 1911, Commission Bill No. 139, entitled "An Act amending section four, as amended, of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, entitled 'An Act to amend certain sections of General Orders, Numbered Fifty-eight, series of nineteen hundred, and certain sections of Acts Numbered Eighty-two, One hundred and thirty-six, One hundred and eighty-three, as amended, One hundred and ninety, One hundred and ninety-four, as amended, seven hundred and eighty-seven, as amended; also to repeal Acts Numbered Five hundred and ninety, as amended, Nine hundred and ninety-two, and Fourteen hundred and fifty, and designed to unify the system of justice of the peace courts, clarify existing legislation relative thereto, and further increase the efficiency thereof,' by conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace to try violations of regulations adopted by provincial boards under section thirteen (*k*) of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled 'The Provincial Government Act,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The amendments proposed in this bill are covered by Assembly Bill No. 941, the passage of which has to-day been recommended by your committee.[1]

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

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[1] See *post*, pp. 404, 405.

[Committee Report No. 359.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, the amendment of the Assembly to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the amendment be disagreed to, and a conference requested.

The purpose of the amendment of the Assembly is to grant to the successful inventor a patent for thirty years, and to direct the chief of the division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau, to issue the proper patent upon the presentation of a certified copy of the decision of the technical board created by the bill to pass upon the invention.

There could be no objection to the amendment relating to the patent were it effectual, but a patent could not be granted by a law of the Philippine Legislature. The inventor would have to apply for a patent directly to the United States Patent Office, and this amendment would not be of any assistance to him there.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Ordered, That Commissioners Elliott, Branagan, and Sumulong be the managers on the part of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 360.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 15, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 941, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendments:

Page 4, line 7, transpose the words "fine and imprisonment."

Page 5, line 2, strike out the word "six" and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

Page 6, lines 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, strike out all after the words "*Provided, however,*" in line 9, to the words "That in order" in line 13.

Page 7, line 5, after the word "examination," insert the following: "if during said four years the person examined has not held the office of justice of the peace or auxiliary justice of the peace, and in case he has held either of such offices the period of eligibility will be four years from the date on which he ceased to hold such office."

Page 7, line 16, strike out the word "He" and insert in lieu thereof the words "The justice of the peace."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 941 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 3, strike out the words "The justice of the peace of the city of Manila shall receive a salary of four thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "The justice of the peace of the city of Manila shall receive a salary of three thousand pesos."

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 2, page 4, line 5, strike out the word "municipality" and insert in lieu thereof the words "territory within his jurisdiction."

Section 3, page 5, line 7, strike out the word "Leyte;" line 13, strike out the words "of the municipality of Maasin in the Province of Leyte" and insert in lieu thereof the words "any municipality which, under the provisions of section ten of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, as amended, shall be considered as the capital of a province."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by striking out the words "the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin, in the Province of Leyte" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "certain justices of the peace."

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 361.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on December 21, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendments:

Section 1, line 7, eliminate the words "on the recommendation of the provincial board."

Section 3, substitute for lines 20 to 23, inclusive, the words "The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to allot an amount which he may consider necessary from the appropriation herein made, or from any unexpended balance from the appropriations of his bureau which may be available for such purposes, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction."

Between lines 25 and 26, insert the words "The Director of Agriculture is also authorized to expend from the funds herein appropriated an amount not to exceed ₱9,000 a year for the salaries of two entomologists who shall, under his direction, devote their services to the gathering and dissemination of information regarding locusts, and in coöperating with the locust boards in their work."

Section 5, line 3, after the words "fifty thousand pesos annually" add the words "to be used in carrying out the purposes of this Act."

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 661 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that further consideration of the bill be made a special order for Thursday, January 18, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 131, POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to

assessment of real property," appearing on the calendar for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this date, was passed on file.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Bureau of Navigation, the Director of Navigation being present.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Palma,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Thursday, January 18, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 17, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER POSTPONED.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes," made a special order for this morning immediately after the approval of the Journal, was postponed until later in the day.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 15, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 15, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 815, in which it requests the concurrence of the

Commission: An Act authorizing municipal councils to establish a register of mechanics or day laborers residing in their respective municipalities, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 815 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 362.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Act No. 275, of the Moro legislative council, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the government of the Moro Province, for the fiscal year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twelve," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be approved.

The act is in proper form, and the passage thereof is deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the Moro legislative council.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-five of the legislative council of the Moro Province, passed December twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eleven,

entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the government of the Moro Province, for the fiscal year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twelve," be, and the same hereby is, approved.

[Committee Report No. 363.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 653, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resin, stone, earth, and other forest products, may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

So far as concerns the amendatory provision to the effect that when a municipality, township, or settlement is so extremely large and its barrios are so remote from one another that the inhabitants thereof are deprived, on account of their distance from the communal forest, from the enjoyment of the benefits of such Act, the Director of Forestry, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall, upon the application by the municipality, township, or settlement, set aside two suitable tracts of forest as communal forests, it is unnecessary for the reason that under existing law the Director of Forestry already has authority in his discretion to set aside two separate tracts of woodland as communal forests and indeed has done so in a number of cases. It is presumed that this fact has been overlooked in view of the fact that the Director of Forestry would still have to exercise his discretion as to whether the municipality, township or settlement was large enough to necessitate the setting aside of two communal forests in order that the interests of those people might be properly subserved. It is therefore obvious that he would still continue to exercise his discretion as he does at the present time and nothing would be gained.

Your committee is of the opinion that it would be highly undesirable to extend the free use of timber to so-called "agricultural haciendas." The free private use of timber is now abundantly provided for. "Personal use" has not been interpreted to cover such buildings as factories, sugar mills, houses for rent, etc., and your committee is not of the opinion that the free-use privilege should be extended to cover such buildings.

The present Free-use Law renders the proper protection of the

public forest difficult and the proposed extension would render such protection almost impossible.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 364.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 9, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 885, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

Assembly Bill No. 885 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

The President in the chair.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes," made a special order for this date.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendments recommended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 3, page 2, lines 20 to 23, amend to read as follows:

"The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to allot the necessary amount from the appropriation herein made, or from any unexpended balance of the appropriations for his Bureau, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction."

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 1, page 1, line 4, strike out the word "created" and insert in lieu thereof the word "authorized;" lines 8 to 11, strike out the words "The latter shall serve as members of the locust board without additional compensation and the provincial treasurer shall act as disbursing officer of the locust board" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Members of the locust board shall serve without compensation. The provincial treasurer shall act as disbursing officer of the board."

Section 3, add at the end thereof the words "Such entomologists shall be provided with laboratory facilities at the Bureau of Science without cost to the Bureau of Agriculture."

Section 4, strike out in its entirety.

Section 5, change number to 4 and add at the end thereof the following:

"*Provided, however,* That the unexpended balance of appropriation at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the Insular Treasury."

Sections 6 and 7, change numbers to 5 and 6, respectively.

That as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

COMMISSION BILL NO. 131 POSTPONED.

Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," appearing on the calendar for consideration on this date, consideration was postponed.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 162. An Act amending the Special Provincial Government Act by providing that in the Mountain Province, Nueva Vizcaya, and Agusan ex-soldiers of the Philippines Constabulary who are members of non-Christian tribes who have served at least one complete enlistment in that organization and have been

honorably discharged therefrom, shall be exempt, under certain conditions, from the payment of the tax imposed by paragraph (*a*) of section nineteen of said Act.

Commission Bill No. 162 was read the first time and laid on the table.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 163. An Act appropriating the sum of two thousand pesos to reimburse the special fund to be expended, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, created by Act Nineteen hundred and ninety-two, for the amount expended in purchasing foodstuffs to relieve suffering in the subprovince of Butuan.

Commission Bill No. 163 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, line 5, strike out the words "Nineteen hundred and ninety-two" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Two thousand and sixty-nine."

Strike out section 2 in its entirety, and change section 3 to 2.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title by striking out the words "Nineteen hundred and ninety-two" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Two thousand and sixty-nine."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 163 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 164. An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 164 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, for report and recommendation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly with reference to the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Posts, the Director of Posts being present during the consideration of the Bureau of Posts.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Posts, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

FRIAR LANDS REPORT.

The Secretary submitted for the information of the Commission a communication from the Director of Lands transmitting reports on the administration of the friar lands estates during the month of December, 1911, and the quarter ending December 31, 1911.

Ordered filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see pp. 985, 986.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Friday, January 19, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong (after roll call), Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, January 18, 1912, was read and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 365.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 21, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass, with the following amendment:

Strike out sections 1 and 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section one hundred and twenty of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'SEC. 120. Every male inhabitant of the Philippine Islands over

eighteen years of age and under sixty years of age, except persons falling within the classes hereinafter mentioned, shall annually pay a poll or cedula personal tax by purchasing a certificate of registration as hereinafter provided.

"'Persons comprised within any of the following classes shall be exempt from the payment of this tax:

"'1. Members of the non-Christian tribes unless otherwise provided by law:

"'2. Commissioned officers of the United States Army or Navy;

"'3. Enlisted soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States Army or Navy;

"'4. Civilian employees of the military or naval branches of the United States Government who have come to the Philippine Islands under orders of, or by virtue of contracts of employment with the Government of the United States;

"'5. Diplomatic and consular representatives and officials of foreign powers;

"'6. Paupers;

"'7. Insane persons;

"'8. Imbeciles;

"'9. Persons serving a sentence of more than one year in a public prison;

"'10. Persons who are required to pay the tax imposed by section nineteen of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six.

"'*Provided*, That persons included in subparagraphs numbered two, three, four and five shall cease to be entitled to the exemption herein provided for if they remain in the Philippine Islands longer than twenty days after they have ceased to belong to any of the classes contemplated, and are otherwise subject to the payment of the poll or cedula personal tax.

"'*Provided further*, That it shall be the duty of provincial treasurers to issue certificates of registration to males eighteen years of age and under or sixty years of age and over, to females of any age, and to all other persons specifically exempted, who may request such certificates and pay the price imposed in the next succeeding section.'

"SEC. 2. Section one hundred and twenty-one of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"'SEC. 121. Certificates of registration shall be sold by all provincial treasurers, or their authorized deputies, on and after the second day of January and prior to the first day of May of each year, at the uniform price of one peso, and on and after the thirty-first day of December next following, at the uniform price of two pesos. This tax shall be deemed to be delinquent on and after the first day of May: *Provided*, That any person not resident in the Philippine Islands prior to the first day of May, of any year, but

who enters and resides in the Islands on or after that date and prior to the first day of July next succeeding, shall pay only one peso for a certificate of registration upon application made within twenty days after his arrival in the Islands, and any resident of the Philippine Islands who, from the first day of January until the last day of April, of any year, belongs continuously to any of the classes exempted from the payment of this tax by the provisions of section one hundred and twenty hereof, but who ceases to belong to any class so exempted on or after the first day of May and before the first day of July next succeeding, shall pay only one peso for a certificate of registration upon application made within twenty days after the date when he ceased to be a member of such exempt class: *And provided further,* That any person not resident in the Philippine Islands prior to the first day of July of any year, but who enters and resides in the Islands on or after said date, and any person who, from the first day of January until the first day of July of any year, belongs continuously to any of the classes exempted from this tax by the provisions of section one hundred and twenty hereof, but who ceases, on or after the first day of July, to belong to any such exempt class, shall not be subject to this tax for the remainder of such calendar year.

" '*And provided further,* That in those provinces wherein the price of cedulas shall have been increased according to the provisions of the Provincial Government Act, as amended, such price shall be as fixed by the provincial board under the authority of the last named Act, the resolution of the provincial board so increasing the price of cedulas must be adopted prior to the first day of January of the calendar year for which it is made effective, and no penalty for delinquency in the payment of the cedula tax shall be collected until after the last day of April.'

"SEC. 3. Section one hundred and twenty-two of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

" 'SEC. 122. Any person liable to the tax imposed herein who has not purchased a certificate of registration and who is delinquent in such purchase, who shall, on demand of the provincial treasurer, fail or refuse to purchase such certificate, shall be subject to the collection of this tax by either of the two following methods: First, the provincial treasurer may enforce the collection of the tax by the seizure of any personal property of the taxpayer and the sale of the same in accordance with the provisions for the sale of personal property in the collection of taxes under the Municipal Code, and no exemption shall be allowed in favor of a person liable to pay such tax; second, the provincial treasurer may, in his discretion, enforce the collection of the tax and the penalty, after the same shall remain delinquent for fifteen days, by causing the delinquent to be prosecuted before the justice of the peace

of the municipality in which the delinquent shall reside, for such delinquency, and upon conviction the person so delinquent shall be sentenced to imprisonment for ten days for each such delinquency, and such imprisonment shall be deemed a satisfaction of the tax and penalty and shall entitle the person so convicted, at the expiration of his imprisonment, to the cedula or certificate of registration as though the tax had been paid in money.

"'Persons so convicted shall be required to labor for the period of imprisonment, either for the province or the municipality, upon public works in such manner as may be directed by the provincial board.'"

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

The President entered the Session Chamber at this point and assumed the chair.

Assembly Bill No. 638 was read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments of the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Strike out the word "Islands" wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof the words "Philippine Islands."

Insert before the words "thirty-first day of December" in section 2, page 3, line 7, the words "first day of May until the."

And that, as so amended, the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending sections one hundred and twenty, one hundred and twenty-one, and one hundred and twenty-two of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four" by defining the classes of persons who are exempt from the payment of the cedula tax; changing the period within which such tax shall be paid without delinquency, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

RECONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 885.

Commissioner Elliott having voted with the majority on the passage of Assembly Bill No. 885, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as the Corporation Law," on January 18, 1912, moved that the vote whereby said bill was passed be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and, being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment.

Insert a new section 3 to read as follows, changing the present section 3 to 4:

"SEC. 3. For the purposes of this Act 'foreign company' shall be understood to mean every company not organized in the Philippine Islands and under the laws thereof."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved the following amendment:

Section 2, page 5, line 7, add after the word "paragraph" the following: "*Provided, however,* That insurance companies organized under the laws of any State of the United States may deposit with the Insular Treasurer in lieu of the money or securities in said paragraph required, a certificate of the proper authorities of the State where organized, to be approved by the Secretary of Finance and Justice, that said company has on deposit in such State at least five hundred thousand pesos in cash or securities."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the passage of the bill as

amended, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 165. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the real property of the Government of the Philippine Islands known as the "ice plant" for a sum not less than two million pesos, to give to the purchaser a good and sufficient title to said property, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 165 was read the first time and referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Branagan for report and recommendation at the earliest practicable date.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

By unanimous consent, the Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see pp. 986, 987.)

SPECIAL ORDER FIXED.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

Consideration of Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor;

to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," was made a special order for Saturday, January 20, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Bureau of Labor, the Offices of the Consulting Architect and Supervising Railway Expert, the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Bureau of Constabulary, the Director of Constabulary being present during the consideration of the estimates for his Bureau.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriations for the Bureau of Labor, the Offices of the Consulting Architect and Supervising Railway Expert, and the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Commissioner Sumulong was present during the consideration of Commission Bill No. 132.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Saturday, January 20, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, and Elliott.

Absent: The President.

Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, January 19, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide

for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," made a special order for this date.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported progress, and recommended that further consideration of the bill be made a special order for Tuesday, January 23, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 30.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law,'" having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Assembly to section 1, and concur therein.

That the Assembly recede from its amendment to section 5.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
ESPIRIDIÓN GUANCO,
IRINEO JAVIER,
M. FERNANDEZ YANSON,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law,'"

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 17, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 17, 1912, passed the following

Assembly Bill No. 960, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the Philippine civil service."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 960 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 17, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 17, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 130, entitled "An Act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder, and providing punishment for certain offenses connected therewith."

The bill (C. B. No. 130), with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments are as follows:

Section 1, page 1, strike out everything following the words "by a fine" in line 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of not more than two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both penalties."

Section 2, page 2, strike out everything following the words "by a fine" in line 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of not more than two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both penalties."

Section 3, page 2, strike out everything following the words "by a fine" in line 11, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of not more than two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both penalties."

The question then being on the concurrence of the Commission in the amendments of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 130, the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 130 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

JANUARY 19, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendments to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention," disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Javier, Reyes, and Contreras.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the conference committee on Assembly Bill No. 226.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 366.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Act No. 277 of the Moro legislative council, entitled "An act establishing the municipality of Isabela and prescribing the boundaries thereof," has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be approved.

The act is in proper form, and the passage thereof deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the Moro legislative council.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-seven of the legislative council of the Moro Province,

passed January sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An act establishing the municipality of Isabela and prescribing the boundaries thereof," be, and the same hereby is, approved.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 367.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Select Committee of Three, to which was referred on October 17, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 521, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a nautical school in the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Your committee believes that the condition of the Insular Treasury does not warrant the creation of any new schools at the present time.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 86. *Resolved,* That Commission Resolution Numbered Fifty, adopted on November twenty-second, nineteen hundred and ten, be, and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Whereas the judge of the Eighth Judicial District recommends the appointment of a justice of the peace and of an auxiliary justice of the peace at the East Batan coal mine, barrio of Batan, municipality of Rapu-Rapu, Province of Albay; and

"Whereas section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven and Two thousand and forty-one, provides that places other than organized municipalities for which appointments of justices of the peace and auxiliary justices of the peace are made shall be determined by resolution of the Commission:

"Now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That the appointment of a justice of the peace and

of an auxiliary justice of the peace at the barrio of Batan, municipality of Rapu-Rapu, Province of Albay, is hereby authorized in accordance with section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one."

The resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods."

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the estimates for the Bureau of Constabulary, and the Bureaus and Offices of the Department of Finance and Justice including the Judiciary, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill for the President:

Commission Bill No. 166. An Act amending section three hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to constitute the customs service of the Philippine Islands," authorizing the payment of awards for customs seizures and for information of fraud against the custom revenues, and requiring persons in the employ of the Government and officers of vessels to give information of fraud upon the customs and fixing penalties for failure to comply therewith, and making it unlawful for any person in the employ of the Government to participate in awards for information.

By unanimous consent Commission Bill No. 166 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see p. 987.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Monday, January 22, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester (after roll call), Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, January 20, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 20, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 20, 1912, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 140, entitled "An Act to amend section thirty-four of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,' by exempting the owners of large cattle over two years of age who voluntarily present the same for branding and registration from the penalty established

in said Act, and repealing in such case section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 368.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Select Committee of one, to which was referred on January 13, 1912, Commission Bill No. 161, entitled "An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by amending paragraph two thereof to extend the provisions of the subsection to civilian employees of the United States and to provide for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of such funds as may remain in the Postal Savings Bank one year after the date of the death of the owner thereof, and by adding at the end of said subsection a paragraph conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

The amendments proposed to the existing law seem to be necessary and seek to cover defects appearing in the administration of said law.

Respectfully submitted.

RAFAEL PALMA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Commission Bill No. 161 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 2, line 22, strike out the words "Philippine Government" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Government of the Philippine Islands."

Section 2, page 4, line 1, strike out the words "be confined within

San Lazaro Hospital" and insert in lieu thereof the words "have been received for treatment in a Government hospital."

Section 3, strike out in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by extending the provisions of said subsection to civilian employees of the United States; by providing for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of certain funds of deceased Americans remaining on deposit in the Postal Savings Bank, and by conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

At this point Commissioner Worcester entered the Session Chamber.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 167. An Act to regulate the pawnbroking business.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 167 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Elliott as a select committee for report and recommendation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly with reference to the Bureaus of Navigation, Forestry and Education, the Directors of Navigation, Forestry and Education being present during the consideration of the estimates for their respective Bureaus.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Bureau of Education, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commission adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 23, 1912, at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, January 22, 1912, was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages

and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," made a special order for this date.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and recommended that further consideration be made a special order for Wednesday, January 24, 1912, immediately after the approval of the Journal.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 369.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 18, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 655, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled 'An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes,' for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all of the preamble.

Strike out all of sections 1, 2, and 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The following articles of the articles of incorporation of the Banco Español-Filipino, now known as the Bank of the Philippine Islands, embodied in Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety, are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ARTICLE V.

"'The bank is authorized to engage in the following classes of transactions:

"'1. Discounting bills of exchange whose maturity does not exceed six months, and commercial promissory notes whose maturity does not exceed one year.

"'2. Making collections of drafts and other current negotiable paper, and advancing money thereon.

"'3. Receiving deposits and opening current accounts in currency or upon the deposit of public, provincial, municipal, industrial, agricultural or railway securities issued by legally constituted corporations.

"'4. Receiving and caring for money deposited in trust, arising from legacies, voluntary and other trusts, and judicial decrees, or in any other manner.

"'5. Receiving in the same manner as under paragraph four, gold and silver bars, jewelry with or without precious stones, and stocks and bonds and other securities issued by corporations.

"'6. Negotiating or drawing bills of exchange, whether domestic or foreign.

"'7. Dealing in gold and silver.

"'8. Making loans upon the security of deposit with the bank, as collateral, of precious metals, articles of commerce, products of the country, negotiable securities, and industrial and commercial bills which are easily and safely realized upon at any time: *Provided*, That all such loans shall be made under regulations established by the board of directors. Such collateral securities shall be accepted only at a rate not exceeding three-fourths of their market or appraised value, except that when the person or legal entity to which a loan is to be made is, in the judgment of the board of directors, sufficiently solvent, apart from the collateral furnished, loans may be made to the amount of ninety per centum of the market value of said collateral security, provided that said security is easily convertible into cash and the person to whom the advance is made is a client of the bank; but said person shall, upon the demand of the bank, pay in cash or deposit first-class securities to cover any depreciation in the market value of the securities furnished.

"'9. Making loans on bills of lading, when invoices and insurance policies satisfactory to the bank are attached thereto: *Provided*, That the amount of such loan shall not exceed three-fourths of the current market value of the articles covered by such bills of lading.

"'10. Granting current credit accounts in favor of clients who have been approved by the board of directors, such accounts paying to the bank a commission upon the sums upon which they are entitled to draw, in addition to the interest upon amounts actually used.

"'11. Buying and selling or otherwise negotiating securities, and borrowing money upon securities owned by the bank.

"'12. Making loans upon real estate; but the amount invested at any one time in such loans, or in any loans upon real estate security, shall not exceed twenty per centum of the paid-up capital of the bank, and if such investments are now in excess of that sum, they shall be reduced as rapidly as the interests of the bank are deemed to justify under the direction of the Insular Treasurer.

"'13. Making loans upon vessels which are insured and free from encumbrance, provided such loans do not exceed half the value of the ship nor run for more than one year. Such loans shall not exceed ten per centum of the paid-up capital of the bank.

"'14. Making loans to individuals, firms, and corporations established in the Philippine Islands and which, in the opinion of the board of directors, are of undoubted solvency, provided such loans shall not exceed ninety days in duration.

"'No loans shall be made by the bank directly or indirectly to any director or officer thereof except by a vote of a majority of the directors of the bank, and any officer or director of the bank authorizing, receiving or making any such loan without the authority prescribed shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five years and not more than ten years, and by a fine of not less than two thousand pesos and not more than twenty thousand pesos.

"'15. Undertaking on commission the purchase and sale of securities, and such other banking operations, under regulations established by the board of directors, as may be within the incidental powers of a bank; but no powers shall be exercised which are not expressly granted by this Act, if such exercise is prohibited by the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

"'16. Preparing, issuing, and circulating bank notes under the provisions of this Act.

"'17. Engaging in the safe-deposit business.'

"'ARTICLE VII.

"'All notes and bills of exchange discounted by the bank must bear at least two signatures of known solvency, and must comply in other respects with the provisions of the existing laws, except that such transactions may, with the approval of the president of the bank, be for a longer period than ninety days, and one signature may be dispensed with when loans are made one negotiable securities, as provided by paragraph eight of Article V.

"'Warrants or drafts drawn by the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands or of the United States may be accepted without the signatures and conditions required in the case of private parties.'

"'ARTICLE XXI.

"'The shares of the Bank may be transferred by endorsement on each share, or title to shares, duly signed by the person making the transfer before an authorized public official, or in the presence of a mercantile broker. The filing with the president of the bank of said shares, or titles to shares, indorsed as above provided, when made by the person in whose favor the indorsement has been made shall be proof of the right to their inscription in the books of the bank and the rights of said person as a stockholder.'

"'ARTICLE XXIII.

"'Stock of the bank may be held by persons and corporations without regard to domicile, and officers and directors may be chosen without regard to nationality, except that a majority of the board of directors shall be made up of citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands; but money in current account and securities and other articles of value deposited in the bank which are the property of foreigners, shall not be subject to attachment, confiscation or seizure because of war between their respective nations, except as such processes would lie in the ordinary course of law against citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands.'

"'ARTICLE XXV.

"'All outstanding circulating notes of the bank issued after January first, nineteen hundred and eight, shall constitute a preferred lien upon the assets of the bank except as to such securities as have been specifically deposited under special agreements with public officials for the safe-keeping of public moneys; and any bonds or other securities deposited with the Insular Treasurer, as hereinbefore provided, for the security of the circulating notes of the bank, shall be held exclusively for that purpose until such notes shall be redeemed; but the Insular Treasurer shall give to the bank powers of attorney to receive and appropriate to its own use the interest and dividends on such securities in the custody of said Insular Treasurer; but such powers shall become inoperative whenever the bank shall fail to redeem its circulating notes, and said Insular Treasurer, under regulations prescribed by the Governor-General, may permit or require an exchange to be made of any of the securities in his custody.'

"'ARTICLE XLIV.

"'The duties of the board of directors shall be as follows:

"'1. To supervise the issue and transfer of certificates of stock, and establish regulations therefor.

"'2. To determine from time to time the number and amount of circulating notes to be issued under the provisions of this Act.

"'3. To fix the rate of discounts and loans.

"'4. To appoint agents and correspondents and to designate the points where they are to be stationed.

"'5. To authorize the establishment of branch banks at such points as will serve the public interest and that of the bank, in accordance with Article V of these statutes.

"'6. To ratify, if satisfactory to it, all transactions between the bank and the Government.

"'7. To take care that in all the offices of the bank the statutes, by-laws, orders, and resolutions in force are strictly observed.

"'8. To examine and consider, at each regular meeting, the transactions of the officers of the bank and the operations of the bank.

"'9. To appoint, on recommendation of the president of the bank, bookkeepers and minor employees of the bank, and of its branches.

"'10. To remove or suspend employees of the bank, with or without the recommendation of the officers.

"'11. To draw up the annual report concerning the operations of the bank, which shall be read at the general assembly of the stockholders.

"'12. To examine and audit the accounts submitted by the officers and to approve the general balance sheet.

"'13. To declare semiannually, in accordance with such balance sheet the dividend to be paid to the stockholders.

"'14. To examine into and take under advisement recommendations made by stockholders in general assembly for the welfare of the bank, and to present the same, with their report thereon, to the next general assembly.

"'15. To make of its own motion to said general assembly all suggestions which it deems proper for the advantage of the bank.'

"'ARTICLE L.

"'The powers of the president of the bank shall be:

"'1. To direct all the operations of the bank and to give orders and instructions to all the employees thereof who are to take part in said operations.

"'2. To execute all contracts entered into on behalf of the bank, and to perform all other duties customarily incident to his office.

"'3. To authenticate by his signature all administrative acts and obligations and documents issued by the bank.

"'4. To consider and pass upon applications for discounts and loans.

"'5. To institute and prosecute, in the name of the bank, all judicial proceedings that may be necessary for the collection of debts due to the bank and for the preservation of its rights.

"'6. To make recommendations to the board of directors in regard to transactions not provided for by these statutes.

"'7. To recommend to the board of directors the appointment of all subordinate employees and servants of the bank.

"'8. To supervise and direct the conduct of the employees of the bank in the performance of their duties, and to temporarily suspend for just cause those who are delinquent therein, with the exception of those elected by the general assembly of stockholders and by the board of directors, who can only be suspended by the latter.

"'9. To call the regular general assemblies of the stockholders and such extraordinary general assemblies as may be requested by not less than five members of the board of directors.

"'10. To convene the board of directors in extraordinary session whenever he deems it necessary, either upon his own motion or at the request of any three members of said board.

"'11. To preside at general assemblies of the stockholders and meetings of the board of directors, with a vote.

"'12. To make visits of inspection to the offices of the bank, and to address to the board of directors such recommendations as he may deem proper concerning its condition.

"'13. To verify the monthly balance sheet and to sign his approval of the same in the records of the bank.

"'14. To sign stock certificates and to certify by his signature notes issued payable to bearer.

"'15. To examine the report to be made to the general assembly relative to the condition of the bank, and to approve the same before it is read to the meeting, satisfying himself in advance of the correctness of its contents.'

"'ARTICLE LXIII.

"'The bank shall be dissolved (1) upon the expiration of its legal term unless legally extended in accordance with the provisions of this Act, (2) upon the loss of one-half of the capital subscribed, in which case the board of directors shall immediately call, within as short a period as possible, an extraordinary general assembly of the stockholders to report the condition of the bank.

"'The general assembly of the stockholders may direct that the bank shall continue, in which case it may determine the necessary steps to be taken to fix the status of the bank, provided those present and voting represent two-thirds of the capital.'

"'ARTICLE LXVI.

"'Nothing in this Act shall be held to prevent the exercise by the Governor-General and the Insular Treasurer of the powers conferred upon them by Acts Numbered Fifty-two and Five hundred and fifty-six of the Philippine Commission or such amendments of said Acts as may have been enacted or as may hereafter be enacted.'

"SEC. 2. Wherever in the articles of incorporation of the Bank of the Philippine Islands the words 'general board of directors' or 'general board' appear, the word 'general' is hereby stricken out.

"SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon the filing with the Executive Secretary by the board of directors of the Bank of the Philippine Islands of the written acceptance by the bank of the provisions hereof."

The Assembly bill amends in important particulars certain of the articles of incorporation of the Banco Español-Filipino, now known as the Bank of the Philippine Islands. The principal and in the opinion of your committee the most vital amendment is the one extending the privilege granted to the bank of issuing notes. The

Banco Español-Filipino was given by the Spanish Government the exclusive privilege of issuing notes to the amount of three times its capital, exclusive of the reserve which it was required to maintain. Immediately upon the termination of the Spanish régime in these Islands the question arose as to whether this privilege subsisted under the American sovereignty. The Banco Español-Filipino contended that this privilege remained intact notwithstanding the change of sovereignty, while the Government of the Philippine Islands maintained, on the contrary, that the privilege ceased, for the reason that such note-issuing franchise was an exercise of sovereign power which was not transmitted or guaranteed by the treaty of Paris. Finally this question, together with others then pending between the Government of the Philippine Islands and the Roman Catholic Church, was settled by a compromise, the terms of which are set out in an agreement dated June 8, 1907, signed by Archbishop Harty, Archbishop of Manila, representing the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippine Islands, and the Secretary of War, representing the Government of the Philippine Islands.

At the time this agreement was signed the Banco Español-Filipino had a capital of ₱1,500,000, and claimed to have in addition a reserve fund of ₱900,000. By this agreement the bank was authorized to issue circulating notes to an amount not exceeding ₱2,400,000, representing its paid-up capital and surplus, as ascertained by the Governor-General, and to increase its circulating notes in equal proportion with the increase of its capital. The bank was also authorized to issue notes to an additional amount not exceeding ₱600,000 upon deposit with the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands of bonds of the United States, bonds or certificates of the Government of the Philippine Islands, bonds of the city of Manila, stocks or bonds of railways or mortgage banks upon which interest or principal has been guaranteed by the Government of the Philippine Islands, or other securities acceptable to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, the percentage of circulation to be allowed upon the face value or market value of each of said class of securities to be determined by said Treasurer. It was agreed, however, that in case of an increase of the paid-up and unimpaired capital and surplus of the bank from ₱2,400,000 to ₱3,000,000, the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands should deliver to the bank the securities deposited with him to cover such additional circulating notes. It was also stipulated that the total circulating notes which the bank would be entitled to issue should never exceed ₱9,000,000, representing an equal amount of the paid-up and unimpaired capital of the bank. This stipulation was substantially incorporated in Article XXIV of the articles of incorporation of the bank, as provided in Act 1790 of the Philippine Commission. It was provided explicitly in said articles that as a condition precedent to the issue of notes to the extent of the paid-up and unimpaired capital of the bank and the value of the surplus as

ascertained by the Governor-General, such surplus should be formally treated as part of the capital of the bank, and shares of stock issued therefor to the persons entitled thereto.

Under its present charter the privilige of the bank is to issue notes in an amount equal to its capital; its capital having been increased to ₱3,000,000, it is not entitled to issue notes guaranteed by bonds or other securities, and notwithstanding the fact that the bank may increase its capital to ₱10,000,000, it has, nevertheless, no right to issue notes in excess of ₱9,000,000 pesos.

In the opinion of your Committee the franchise of the bank is limited to the issuing of notes in amount equal to its capital, not including its reserve fund.

The question of whether or not the bank has the right to issue notes against its reserve fund was discussed by the undersigned as Secretary of Finance and Justice in an indorsement to the Governor-General under date of August 29, 1910, to which attention is invited. In that indorsement the undersigned held the opinion that the bank can not issue notes against its reserve fund. The most that could be conceded to the bank is the right to issue notes against its reserve fund to the extent of ₱900,000, the amount it claimed to have at the time of the signing of the agreement.

The Assembly bill amends Article XXIV of the articles of incorporation of the bank by allowing the bank to issue notes against its capital without the ₱9,000,000 limitation mentioned above, as well as against its reserve fund, so that the bank would be entitled to issue notes to the extent of ₱12,500,000. The bill also allows the bank the privilege of issuing additional circulating notes without any limit whatever up to 90 per cent of the value of the bonds or other securities above mentioned, as well as interest-bearing first-mortgage bonds of any corporation organized for the purpose of constructing and operating sugar mills in the Philippine Islands, upon such terms and conditions as may be required by the Governor-General.

Your committee believes that this privilege of the bank should not be extended. This privilege was granted merely as a compromise, and is entirely contrary to the laws in the United States governing the issuance of notes. Even the Government of these Islands has not the privilege which the Banco Español-Filipino now enjoys. The Government is required to maintain intact in the Treasury the money represented by its certificates in circulation, and is not authorized to issue notes guaranteed by bonds or other securities.

The amendment second in importance is the one empowering the Bank of the Philippine Islands to do a surety business and to carry on operations properly belonging to a trust corporation. Act No. 1459, known as The Corporation Law, sets out as the business of banking corporations the making of loans, the maintenance of a note circulation, and the purchase, sale or collection of bills of exchange

or other kinds of negotiable paper. Under this law the acting as surety or as trustee forms no part of the business of a banking corporation.

Under the laws of the United States, neither as included in its powers nor incidental to them, is it part of a bank's business to lend its credit. A national bank can not lend its credit, nor has it power on deposit of collateral security to guarantee the obligations of a person making a deposit. Lending credit is the exact opposite of lending money, which is the real business of a bank, for while the latter creates a liability in favor of the bank the former gives rise to a liability of the bank to another. To permit the bank to do a surety business would be to weaken the lien which the circulating notes constitute upon the assets of the bank and the reserve which under the law the bank is required to have to guarantee such notes and its deposits. By engaging in the surety business the bank would contract obligations the fulfillment of which might seriously affect the bank's capital. It is essential that the liabilities of a bank of issue and discount should be certain, and the business of acting as surety on bonds by its very nature produces an uncertainty in the liabilities of the guarantor.

Although your committee sees no such serious objection to authorizing the bank to do business as a trust corporation, it believes that it would not be well for a bank of issue and discount to engage in such business. The statutes, following the general business practices, have always recognized different kinds of banking, each having its own special field. If a bank of issue and discount is authorized to carry on the business of a trust corporation, to my mind the money received by the bank as a result of its operations as a trust corporation should be held separate and distinct from the reserve which the bank is required to keep for the purpose of guaranteeing its circulating notes and deposits, or at least in fixing the amount of such reserve not only should the bank's deposits but also its obligations as a trust company be taken into account. The Assembly bill has no provision of this nature.

The third amendment proposed is that the limit of the amount invested by the bank at any one time in loans on real estate be fixed at 30 per cent of the paid-up capital of the bank, instead of 20 per cent as now fixed by its charter. With respect to this your Committee calls attention to the fact that under the present corporation law banks are not permitted to loan money on real estate, and the only real estate mortgages they are permitted to accept are those given as security for debts previously contracted, and they are required to dispose of such real estate within a period of five years. The privilege given to the Bank of the Philippine Islands to make loans on real estate is a special privilege which is not enjoyed by national banks in the United States. Due to the nature of the business of a bank of issue and discount, such a bank should only

make short-time loans, and money loaned on real estate security is as a general rule loaned on long time and is not easily collected if the debtor fails to meet his obligation. For this reason your committee is of the opinion that no amendment of the bank's charter in this respect should be made.

For the same reason it is not considered advisable to adopt the Assembly amendment abolishing the present provision that loans made by the bank shall not exceed ninety days' duration. In the State of Massachusetts banks are expressly prohibited from making a loan or discount except it is to be paid on demand, and every loan or discount otherwise made is expressly void and the bank forfeits $500 for each offense. (Morse on Banks and Banking, p. 155.)

Another proposed amendment is to consider the reserve fund which the bank is required to maintain as an integral part of the bank's paid-in capital for all the purposes of this Act except where elsewhere herein it is specially provided otherwise. This is a result of the amendment heretofore discussed permitting the bank to issue notes against its reserve fund. It would also have the effect of extending the present limit of loans which the bank may make on real estate, since in the computation of such limit not only twenty per cent of the bank's capital should be counted, as the law stands now, but also the reserve fund. The same reasons heretofore set out against extending the privilege of the bank to issue notes against its reserve fund and increasing the limit of loans on real estate hold good against this proposed amendment.

The bank's articles of incorporation are also sought to be amended by providing that loans may be made on real estate to the amount of sixty per cent of the value thereof, instead of forty per cent as at present. Your committee, while it has no serious objection to this, believes, however, that since section one hundred and five of Act Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as the Corporation Law, provides that savings and mortgage banks shall not loan on real estate to exceed forty per centum of the actual cash market value thereof, the limit should not be extended in the case of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, which is a bank of issue and discount.

Another of the amendments proposed is to authorize the bank to dispose of its collateral security at either private sale or at public auction. The law at present requires such sales to be made always at public auction. By permitting such securities to be sold at private sale opportunity would be given to sell the same at less than the market value, to the prejudice of the owners. For this reason your Committee believes this amendment should not be adopted.

Under its present charter the directors of the bank are elected annually. The Assembly bill changes this provision by providing that directors shall serve for four years. The Corporation Law provides that directors of corporations shall be elected annually.

The same rule obtains generally in the United States. Your committee believes that the interests of the bank's shareholders will be better safeguarded by having the directors elected each year than by having their term of office extended to four years. If a director merits the confidence of the shareholders he can be reëlected indefinitely, there being no restriction to the contrary. A director, without giving grounds for removal, might in his work become unsatisfactory to the shareholders and no longer merit their confidence. If his tenure of office should be four years there would be no way of making a change before that time.

The Assembly bill eliminates the provision of Article LII, that in the case of any judicial proceedings other than the collection of obligations to the bank the officers must obtain the approval of the general board of directors before acting thereon. Your committee considers this a wise provision and one which protects the interests of the stockholders.

The remaining amendments contained in the Assembly bill are of no especial importance, and your committee accepts them and incorporates them in the bill herewith, except a few which are considered unnecessary, and others which appear to have no reason for their being.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

The President stated that the president of the Bank of the Philippine Islands had requested that he and the attorney for the bank, Mr. Thomas L. Hartigan, be given an opportunity to appear before the Commission in connection with this bill.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that the request be granted, the hearing to take place on Thursday morning, January 25, 1912, at 9 o'clock; that the Secretary furnish Messrs. Hord and Hartigan with copies of the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, with the request that they be prepared to discuss *seriatim* the amendment proposed by the committee, and that in the meantime consideration of the bill be postponed.

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 16, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 16, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 902, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing a uniform method of entering into a contract and requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 902 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 19, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 19, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 966, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 966 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 19, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 19, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 827, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act granting to the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric

light, heat, and power system, and to install, operate, and maintain an electric light, heat, and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 827 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 18, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 18, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 904, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to prohibit certain cruel practices on horses and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 904 was read the first time by title only and referred to the President of the Commission as a select committee for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 370.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 755, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-five, sixty-six, and one hundred and twenty-three of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 5, after the word "Law" insert the words "of nineteen hundred and four."

Section 2, page 2, line 13, strike out the words "not exceeding one thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not exceeding two thousand pesos;" line 15, strike out the words "not exceeding six months at" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not exceeding six months, or both, in;" line 21, after the words "six months" insert the words "or be punished by both fine and imprisonment;" and in

the same line strike out the words "at the discretion" and insert in lieu thereof the words "in the discretion."

Section 3, page 2, line 30, after the words "two hundred pesos" insert the words "or by imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

Strike out section 4 in its entirety and insert the following as new section 4:

"SEC. 4. Section one hundred and forty-five of the same Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

" 'SEC. 145. Every person subject to the payment of a specific occupation license tax who is delinquent in the payment of such tax for the period of ten days or more shall, in addition to the payment of the tax due, be fined administratively in a sum equal to the amount of his license tax for the period of one quarter; and any such person who for a period of ten days or more refuses or fails to pay such delinquent tax and fine when required to do so, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand pesos, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the court.

" 'Every merchant, manufacturer, or common carrier subject to the payment of a percentage tax on the gross receipts from sales or services, who fails or refuses to make a true and complete return of the amount of such receipts or earnings or who fails to pay the full and entire amount of taxes due on such receipts or earnings shall, in addition to the payment of the tax due, for the first offense be fined administratively in a sum equal to five times the amount of the tax due and unpaid and every such merchant, manufacturer, or common carrier detected in the commission of a second similar offense shall be punished by a fine not exceeding the amount of the tax due and unpaid plus the sum of one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.' "

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 755 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendments:

Section 2, page 2, line 13, strike out the words "not exceeding one

thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not less than two hundred pesos nor more than two thousand pesos."

Section 3, page 2, line 30, after the words "two hundred pesos" insert the words "or be imprisoned in the discretion of the court for a term not exceeding six months."

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 1, page 2, line 2, strike out the words "not exceeding" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not less than two hundred pesos nor more than;" and in line 3, strike out the words "not exceeding" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not less than two months nor more than."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried.

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to amend sections fifty-five, sixty-six, one hundred and twenty-three, and one hundred forty-five of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by making certain changes in the penalties imposed therein.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 371.]

GENTLEMEN: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on January 23, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 904, entitled "An Act to prohibit certain cruel practices on horses, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

The practice of mutilating horses by docking (cutting off the

muscle and bone of their tails) seems to be growing in the Philippine Islands, and I am informed by reliable horse dealers that horses bring better prices in the Islands if their tails are removed than they do if they are not. It seems to be due to a belief among wealthy individuals that this is a more fashionable way to have their horses. The torment of the animal is something that has not received consideration. Flies, as is well known, breed especially well about stables. The skin in the hind parts and under the belly is tender and the tail is the only weapon the horse has to protect himself from the pest. One can go into any stable and see the difference between docked horses and those who have their tails; the former are stamping and twitching and being almost driven to madness and sometimes bleeding, while the latter are seen peacefully keeping their tormentors away.

In order to meet the demand of certain individuals for docked horses the Australian importers have been docking their horses on the high sea as docking is against the law in Australia now, and the result is that whole shiploads of docked horses have been coming into the Islands, and people who want horses with tails are unable to secure them, the result being that the prevalence of these mutilated horses is greatly increased and they are becoming an extremely common sight even in livery stable rigs. The dealers inform me that they very much prefer not to have to dock their horses because it means a loss to them of several animals in each shipment as a result of the operation.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES, *Committee.*

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 904 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Strike out sections 5 and 6 in their entirety.

Amend section 7 to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twelve."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 372.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 9, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 768, entitled "An Act amending section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-five, providing the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of municipal vice-president and councilor," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 4 of Act No. 2045 so that vacancies in the offices of municipal vice-president and municipal councilor that under said law are filled by persons appointed by the provincial board, shall in future be filled in the following manner: a vacancy in the office of vice-president, by the councilor who obtained, next to the vice-president, the largest number of votes at the last general election; any vacancy in the office of councilor, by the person who received, at the last general election, the next highest number of votes to the number received by the councilor elected who received the least number of votes among the councilors elected.

The annexed bill contains other secondary provisions, but those mentioned express its main purpose.

It is possible that this bill was inspired by the desire to prevent provincial boards from making a bad use, for political or personal ends, of the power granted them by present legislation to fill vacancies in the offices of vice-president and councilor, and it is still more probable that the chief object of this bill is to maintain and safeguard the representative character of municipal councilors, by filling vacancies in that office with persons who received a certain number of votes at the last general elections. But, in the opinion of your committee, if the amendments proposed in the annexed bill are approved, the result in practice, will be that the will of the people instead of being respected will be frustrated, as under the proposed change, a vacancy in the office of vice-president will be filled, in the majority of cases, by a candidate of the minority who almost always belongs to the opposition as regards the party of the successful candidate; and in vacancies in the office of councilor, they

will be filled by candidates at the last general election who, on account of the insignificant number of votes received by them, might be considered as persons who have been the object of the expression of the disapproval, rather than of the confidence, of the great majority of their fellow townsmen.

Such is the opinion of your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 373.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Act No. 278 of the legislative council of the Moro Province, entitled "An act to amend section forty-seven of Act Numbered Forty-two of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax on land,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be approved.

The Act is in proper form and the passage thereof is deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the legislative council of the Moro Province.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-eight of the legislative council of the Moro Prov-

ince, passed January sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An act to amend section forty-seven of Act Numbered Forty-two of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax on land,'" be, and the same hereby is, approved.

[Committee Report No. 374.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, to which was referred Act No. 279 of the Moro legislative council, entitled "An act to amend in certain respects Act Numbered Ninety-five of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to prohibit the establishment of saloons, bars, or drinking places in the Moro Province, except within the limits of certain defined zones,'" has considered the same, and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be approved.

The act is in proper form, and the passage thereof is deemed advisable and within the legislative authority of the Moro legislative council.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-two of Act of the Philippine Commission Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven, Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-nine of the legislative council of the Moro Province, passed January sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An act to amend in certain respects Act Numbered Ninety-five of the legislative council, entitled 'An act to prohibit the establishment of saloons, bars, or drinking places in the Moro Province, except within the limits of certain defined zones,'" be, and the same hereby is, approved.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MANILA, *January 22, 1912.*

GENTLEMEN: In the month of August, 1911, the price of rice began to show a distinct upward tendency due to rumors of a probable shortage in the Saigon and Rangoon markets, and rose rapidly during the first part of September until it reached a maximum of ₱8.70 per cavan of 56 kilos in Manila, for large lots of Saigon quality No. 2 white, and correspondingly higher prices in the provinces. This situation—rice being the chief food staple of a large part of the people of these Islands—obviously constituted an emergency demanding attention, which was given by the Executive.

The causes of the remarkable rise of more than 50 per cent in the price of rice above the highest previous quotation since 1907, was found to be the prospective exhaustion of stocks for export at Saigon and Rangoon, the chief sources of foreign supply of rice for the Philippines and other rice importing countries in the Orient, due to short crops in Indo-China and Burma, and an unusual demand from China and Japan for rice for importation due to crop shortages in these countries also.

For some weeks preceding this extraordinary rise in the price of rice, representations had been made to the Governor-General by the representatives of private interests, by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, and by Government officials, recommending that the Chief Executive exercise the authority conferred upon him by Act of Congress, approved August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, which authorizes the Executive to suspend the customs duties on imported rice, and the distribution of such rice under Government direction and control, but does not authorize the Government to undertake to fix the price at which such rice shall be sold. From a careful study of the situation as presented by data obtained from the various sources available to the Government, including reports by consular representatives of the Federal Government throughout the Orient, it was apparent that in view of the exhaustion of the Saigon and Rangoon markets, but little rice remained available for importation into the Philippines from the usual sources. It was, therefore, apparent that the suspension of the duty could only affect a quantity of rice that was comparatively neglible, and could not prove a factor of any importance in the solution of the problem of abnormal prices, or of adequate supply.

It was hoped that the local situation might not become so acute but that intervention by the Government might remain in abeyance until the beginning of the session of the Legislature and the matter might be considered and the course to be followed be determined by that branch of the Government. However, in September it became

apparent that intervention by the Government could not be so delayed and I appointed a committee as set forth by the following order:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
EXECUTIVE BUREAU,
Manila, September 16, 1911.

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 47.

Gregorio Araneta, Secretary of Finance and Justice; Frank W. Carpenter, Executive Secretary; Alejandro Ruiz, member of the Philippine Assembly; Vicente D. Fernandez, and John S. Hord, are hereby appointed a committee to investigate the present and probable future market conditions in connection with the alleged scarcity of rice in the Philippine Islands.

The committee will report its findings to me with all convenient speed, and make recommendations as to the measures that, in its opinion, this Government should take in order to prevent distress in the Philippine Islands, through the lack of this article of prime necessity.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

The committee met immediately and spared neither effort nor time in the successful accomplishment of its duties. Its recommendations to the Chief Executive have been approved and carried into effect. Copy of the committee's report of December 9 setting forth action taken during the period from the beginning of its work to that date is hereto appended.[1] The amount expended in the purchase of rice is ₱1,620,828.33 and the quantity purchased 11,460,621 kilos or 204,654 cavans of 56 kilos each. Inasmuch as the Government stocks of rice at the present time are necessarily large in order that they may not be exhausted before the new crops from Saigon and Rangoon become available, it is impracticable now to state with even approximate precision the probable total net expense to the Government of its intervention in the rice market. The demand is somewhat in excess of the quantity which may be released daily from the Government stocks and there seems no probability of serious loss by reason of rice remaining on hand in the Government warehouses at the time of the arrival of sufficient new crop to meet the demand. The amounts represented by the differences between the cost of the rice to the Government and the rates at which it has been and will be sold obviously are small compared with the aggregate saving to rice consumers by reason of the reduction of from ₱2 to ₱6 per cavan of 56 kilos in prices on all rice purchased by consumers practically since the beginning of Government intervention.

[1] This report is on file in the Executive Bureau.

On October 19 the Legislature by Act No. 2076 took cognizance of the situation and in effect confirmed the course adopted by the Chief Executive.

The plan adopted in the dispatch of the Government stocks of rice, having in mind primarily the control of prices, contemplates average daily sales not exceeding an aggregate which will insure the dominant intervention of the Government in control of the situation until February 14, 1912, the Government price being fixed at ₱6 per cavan of 56 kilos. Pending further action by the Legislature or other sufficient reason for change this plan continues in force.

On January 4, 1912, the Legislature by Joint Resolution No. 4, provided for a select joint committee of both branches of the Legislature to investigate the present situation regarding food staples and to make not later than January 25, 1912, such recommendations to the Legislature as may be conducive to adequate present remedial results and to securing the adoption of measures tending permanently to ward off or to relieve the consequences of similar conditions.

It is apparent that the duty of the Government and of all interested in the economic welfare of these Islands is to discover and apply remedial measures which not only will meet the present situation but insure the economic well-being of the rice-growing districts, of agriculturists in general, and of the Islands as a whole. In the opinion of the Executive, among measures which are worthy of adoption as certain to produce positive and beneficial results are the diversification of crops, particularly the planting of maize and other customary foodstuffs as well as rice by the small farmer as well as by the large planter; the generalization among the agricultural classes of household industries, requiring little if any capital, in which the labor of all the members of a family may engage during those portions of the year when field work does not require their undivided attention and without abandoning their homes in the villages and removal to the large centers of population; and water control both for protection against floods and its utilization to insure the practicability of planting and the development and maturity of crops. Legislation calculated to accomplish these recommendations could not fail to have a beneficial result in promoting the welfare of the Filipino people.

W. CAMERON FORBES, *Governor-General.*

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The message was ordered spread upon the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 168. An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of

motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 168 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee of one, for report and recommendation.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 894.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, Assembly Bill No. 894, entitled "An Act providing for the administration, maintenance, and improvement of irrigation systems appurtenant to the so-called friar lands," referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police on December 22, 1911, was recalled from said committee and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see pp. 987, 988.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Wednesday, January 24, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary*.

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 23, 1912, was read and approved.

POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING ON ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 655.

The Secretary submitted to the Commission the request of Mr. John S. Hord, president of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, that the hearing granted him and his attorney in connection with Assembly Bill No. 655, amending the charter of said bank be postponed until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

There being no objection, the President announced that the request would be granted.

TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO EX-GOVERNOR-GENERAL WRIGHT, ON THE DEATH OF HIS SON.

The President announced to the Commission that he had read in this morning's paper of a railway accident in the United States in which Eldridge Wright, son of former Governor-General Wright, had lost his life.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, it was directed that the following cablegram be sent in the name of the Commission to Honorable Luke E. Wright, Memphis:

The Philippine Commission sends to you and Mrs. Wright its deepest sympathy in your great bereavement.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property," made a special order for this date.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the amendments recommended by the select committee be adopted, with the exception of subsection (*oo*) of section 17, and that the bill be recommitted to the select committee for further consideration of said subsection.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 375.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 23, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 894, entitled "An Act providing for the administration, maintenance, and improvement of irrigation systems appurtenant to the so-called friar lands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The policy of having irrigation works on friar estates remain the

property of the Insular Government was deliberately entered upon after mature consideration, this subject being covered by section 19 of the Friar Lands Act. Your committee knows of no reason why this policy should be reversed at this time and there would be serious objections to such a course.

The values of all individual holdings on irrigated friar estates have been fixed, a very large number of such holdings have already been sold, and practically all irrigated lands have been sold. In fixing the value of these lands no allowance was made for the estimated amounts paid by the Insular Government for the irrigation systems.

It has been the expectation that the collecting of water rents would pay the interest on the cost of these systems as well as the cost itself prior to the time when the bonds fall due. Under the proposed arrangement one of two things would be necessary. Either the lands on these estates would have to be revalued and the cost of the irrigation systems added thereto, or an appropriation would have to be made at the proper time from Insular revenues to pay the cost of these irrigation systems, with interest thereon, and thus make it possible to retire the bonds thereon when due.

While it would doubtless be convenient for a number of municipalities to be presented with these irrigation systems without cost, to be able to secure appropriations from the Insular Government for their repair as the proposed Act evidently contemplates, and to collect fees for the use of water and thus increase the municipal revenues, it is believed by your committee that when the inhabitants of the remaining municipalities in these Islands grasped the fact that they were being taxed in order to confer upon the few municipalities in question such very desirable privileges, a storm of protests would be aroused. Numerous other difficulties which would arise, should the proposed Act become a law, could be pointed out, but it is believed the ones above enumerated are sufficient.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 376.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on December 15, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 863, entitled "An Act further amending sections seventy-eight and eighty-eight of Act Numbered

One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 4, strike out all after the words "as amended," and all of lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, and the words "increase the efficiency thereof" in line 15.

Page 1, lines 16 and 17, strike out the words "duties of clerk and of parties on receipt of same in the office of the clerk," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "disposition of the case by the appellate court when the plaintiff fails to prosecute the case."

Page 2, strike out all of section 1 after the words "so notify the parties," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The plaintiff shall be obliged to file the complaint within a period of two months if he resides in the province, or of four months if he resides outside the province, counting from the date on which he received the notice. If the plaintiff shall fail to file the complaint within the above-mentioned period, the court shall dismiss the case if the appeal was taken by the defendant, or dismiss the appeal if it was taken by the plaintiff, and in such case the dismissal of the appeal shall revive the judgment of the lower court."

Strike out all of section 2.

Make section 3 section 2.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 863 was read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 2, line 8, after the word "Instance" insert the words "and the same fees shall thereafter be charged upon such appeal."

The motion prevailed.

The President moved to strike out section 3 (section 2 of the bill as amended).

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section seventy-eight of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the disposition by the appellate court of cases appealed from the justice of the peace court to the court of First Instance when the plaintiff fails to prosecute the case.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 22, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Assembly to the Commission Bill No. 128, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'The Corporation Law.' "

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 128 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

JANUARY 23, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 885, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as the Corporation Law."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Guanko, Luna (J. D.), and Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 885, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as the Corporation Law," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Elliott, Araneta, and Palma be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 23, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 941, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Singson, Reyes, and Javier.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 941, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and

twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Araneta, Gilbert, and Sumulong be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 20, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 20, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 922, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 922 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

At this point the President left the session chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

JANUARY 22, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 22, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 833, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that deputy fiscals in the provinces organized under The Provincial Government Act shall be exempt from civil-service examination if they are lawyers.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 833 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 19, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 19, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 845, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act repealing Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-five of the Philippine Commission, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' as amended, by providing that appropriations for the Government of said city shall be made by the Municipal Board, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 845 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 377.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on November 13, 1911, Commission Bill No. 133, entitled "An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and creating a board to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the accompanying bill be passed.

The accompanying bill embodies certain changes agreed upon by the Secretary of Finance and Justice and the Director of Health in conference, the only departures being shown in the usual manner by capitalizing new matter and inclosing in parentheses words omitted.

The reason for providing that the insane may be committed by the municipal court in the city of Manila is that this procedure will involve far less delay and loss of time on the part of officers and employees in the Bureau of Health, than would be the case if commitment were made by a judge of a Court of First Instance of that city.

Practically all of the insane persons now being taken charge of

by the Government are so violently deranged as to leave no room for discussion as to their mental condition, and objection to their commitment is practically unknown.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up.

Commission Bill No. 169. An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and for the appointment of a board of physicians to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane, when the evidence presented is not satisfactory to the court, or when there exists a reasonable doubt as to the condition of any patient confined in a hospital for the insane.

Commission Bill No. 169 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendments:

Section 4, page 2, line 18, strike out the words "proper provincial;" lines 19 and 20, strike out the words "in the provinces or to the municipal court in the city of Manila, as the case may be" and insert in lieu thereof the words "of the district wherein the person alleged to be insane is found;" and in lines 25 and 26, strike out the words "or of the municipal court of the city of Manila, as the case may be."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Bureau of Agriculture, the Director of Agriculture being present during the consideration of his Bureau.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Worcester,

The Commisson adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Thursday, January 25, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 24, 1912, was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 378.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 15, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 940, entitled "An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The office of shipping commissioner is hereby created.

"SEC. 2. The Insular Collector of Customs is hereby authorized and empowered, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and

Justice, to appoint, subject to the Civil Service Law, a shipping commissioner for each port of entry and coastwise port which, in his judgment, may require the same; to determine the number of clerks assigned to the assistance of such commissioners, and to fix the compensation of such commissioners and clerks within the limitation prescribed in section twenty-five hereof. But no official or employee who acts as commissioner or clerk or performs the duties of a commissioner or clerk shall receive any extra compensation thereof.

"SEC. 3. Until a shipping commissioner shall have been appointed at any port of entry, the whole or any part of the business of a shipping commissioner as herein defined shall be conducted by the collector or deputy collector of customs of such port; and in respect of such business such custom house shall be deemed a shipping office, and the collector or deputy collector of customs to whom such business shall be committed shall, for all purposes, be deemed a shipping commissioner within the meaning of this Act.

"SEC. 4. The Insular Collector of Customs shall secure, assign, and furnish suitable offices and rooms for the shipment and discharge of seamen, to be known as shipping offices.

"SEC. 5. Each shipping commissioner except a collector or deputy collector of customs acting as such, shall give a bond, satisfactory to the Insular Auditor, to the Government of the Philippine Islands, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and shall take and subscribe to an oath for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

"SEC. 6. Each shipping commissioner shall be provided with a seal with which he shall authenticate all his official acts, on which seal shall appear the name of the port or district for which he is commissioned. Any instrument purporting to be the official act of a shipping commissioner, and purporting to be under the seal and signature of such shipping commissioner, shall be received in any court of law as presumptive evidence of the official character of such instrument and of the truth of the facts therein set forth.

"SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the shipping commissioner:

"(1) To afford facilities for engaging seamen by keeping a register of their names, characters and previous service.

"(2) To superintend their engagement and discharge in the manner prescribed by law and the regulations of the Insular Collector of Customs.

"(3) To provide means for securing the presence on board at the proper times of seamen who are so engaged.

"(4) To facilitate the making of apprenticeships to the sea service.

"(5) To render full, exact, and itemized monthly accounts of their receipts and expenditures to the Insular Collector of Customs.

"(6) To perform such other duties relating to merchant seamen or merchant ships as are now or may hereafter be required by law or regulations.

"Except as hereinafter expressly provided, an appeal shall lie from every decision of a shipping commissioner or person acting as such to the Insular Collector of Customs, whose decision upon any such appeal shall be final and shall not be reviewed nor questioned in any court of law.

"SEC. 8. The shipping commissioner shall have power and authority, subject to appeal to the Insular Collector of Customs, to refuse to ship on any vessel any seaman guilty of desertion, cruelty, theft, assaults upon passengers or members of the ship's complement, mutiny, habitual chronic drunkenness, or any other offense of such a character as, in his judgment, makes it unsafe for such person to be employed on board ship. Such refusal shall, if no appeal be taken within three days, or, if affirmed on appeal, be entered in the *libreta* of the seaman with a statement of the grounds therefor. Restoration to rights of shipment thereafter shall only be by express permission of the Insular Collector of Customs.

"SEC. 9. Should any vessel licensed to engage in the coastwise trade of the Philippine Islands, receive on board any member of the ship's complement without regularly shipping him before a shipping commissioner, the said vessel shall forfeit a sum not to exceed two hundred pesos for each and every person so received on board, which shall be collected by the collector of any port at which the vessel may be found in the manner provided by section three hundred and thirteen of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five as amended by Acts Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-four, Fourteen hundred and five, and Fifteen hundred and seventy-six. One half of this sum shall be paid into the Insular Treasury, to the credit of the fund created by section fourteen hereof, and the other half shall be paid to the seaman or such other person as shall first give information thereof to the shipping commissioner: *Provided,* That nothing in this section contained shall prevent the taking on board a vessel of a seaman at any coastwise port at which there is no shipping office, to serve until such vessel shall first reach a port at which a shipping office is maintained. It shall be the duty of the Insular Collector of Customs to arrange for the shipment and discharge of seamen from Philippine vessels in foreign ports before the American Consular officer thereat.

"SEC. 10. It shall be unlawful to discharge any seaman from any vessel licensed to engage in the coastwise trade of the Philippine Islands, except in the presence and with the consent of a shipping commissioner; and any member of a ship's complement, whether regularly signed on or not, otherwise discharged shall be entitled to receive all wages which have been earned by him while employed upon said ship, without deduction on account of payments previously made.

"SEC. 11. The shipping commissioner shall collect from each vessel

upon which a man is shipped a fee of one peso on account of each officer so shipped, and a like fee of fifty centavos on account of each other person so shipped. In case of reshipment in the same vessel, there shall be paid to the commissioner on account of each seaman so reshipped a fee of twenty centavos. No vessel shall clear from any port of entry while any shipment or reshipment fee is due and unpaid. There shall also be paid by each officer and seaman, upon original registry, the sum of one peso, and yearly thereafter the sum of fifty centavos. Payment of these fees shall in every case be evidenced by the affixing and cancellation of customs "official fee" stamps, on the *libreta* of the particular seaman.

"SEC. 12. Every shipping commissioner, and every clerk or employee in any shipping office, or person acting as such commissioner, clerk, or employee, who demands or receives any gift or remuneration whatever, excepting the lawful fees, fines, and deposits receivable by him under this Act, either directly or indirectly, for hiring, supplying, or registering any seaman, or for the purpose of affecting his official conduct in any other manner, shall, upon conviction of every such offense, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand pesos, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

"SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Insular Collector of Customs to set aside from time to time out of the net proceeds arising under the provisions of this Act a special fund for the relief of shipwrecked and distressed seamen, which shall be maintained as nearly as may be at five thousand pesos. It shall be the duty of the Insular Collector of Customs to arrange with American consuls or other persons to act as agents for the disbursement of this fund at foreign ports. No payment shall be made from this special fund except with the express approval of the Insular Collector of Customs. Any wrecked and distressed seamen who are citizens of the Philippine Islands, on whatever vessel employed, and seamen of any nationality employed upon vessels licensed and documented in the Philippine Islands, but not deserters from such vessels, shall be entitled to relief out of this fund.

"SEC. 14. The collections and receipts made under and by virtue of this Act, except fines imposed by the court, are hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying it into effect, but no other funds of the Government shall be available for such purpose.

"SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the shipping commissioner to adjudicate controversies between seamen, officers, agents and consignees; and he shall have power to determine in a summary manner the amount of wages due any member of a ship's complement upon discharge. Should he, as the result of an investigation made by him, find that the ship is indebted to the seaman, he shall determine the amount thereof and notify the master or other representative of the ship, and the seaman.

"SEC. 16. If the seaman is dissatisfied with the shipping commissioner's finding as to the amount of wages due, it shall be the duty of the master to deposit with the shipping commissioner the full amount of the seaman's claim from which the sum admitted by the master to be due, shall be paid at once to the seaman. The commissioner shall hold the balance as a deposit, and the seaman shall within fifteen days after the making of the deposit file a complaint in the court of first instance of the judicial district in which the commissioner holding the deposit has his office, against such commissioner for the recovery of said deposit. The case shall be tried as an ordinary civil proceeding.

"SEC. 17. If the master is dissatisfied with the commissioner's finding as to the amount of wages due a seaman, it shall be the duty of the said master to deposit the full amount of the seaman's claim, which shall be disposed of by the shipping commissioner in the manner provided in the preceding section. The commissioner shall hold the sum which is in dispute until the controversy is settled, and the master shall within fifteen days after making the deposit bring suit in the nearest Court of First Instance against the shipping commissioner for the recovery thereof. The expense for defending such suit shall be a proper charge against the appropriation made by section fourteen of this Act. If the seaman fails to file complaint as provided in section sixteen hereof, or if the master fails to bring suit as provided in this section, within fifteen days, his claim shall be deemed abandoned and the deposit shall be turned over to the party who is, in the judgment of the shipping commissioner, entitled thereto.

"SEC. 18. No clearance shall be granted to any vessel while a wage dispute of the sort mentioned in the preceding sections is pending, unless the master shall deposit the full amount of the sum demanded with the commissioner as above provided.

"SEC. 19. Any seaman who after a hearing before the commissioner is found guilty of desertion, insubordination or violation of the good discipline of the ship, or a violation of the regulations authorized by this Act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred pesos or by imprisonment not exceeding three months for each offense. The Government shall have a first lien upon any wages due to officers and seamen for the full satisfaction of fines imposed by virtue of this Act. The Insular Collector of Customs, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, shall prescribe rules for the enforcement of this lien. No seaman duly convicted under the authority of this Act shall thereafter be shipped on any vessel without special authority therefor from the Insular Collector of Customs.

"SEC. 20. If any seaman shall die while a member of the complement of any vessel of the Philippine Islands, it shall be the duty of the master of the ship on which he is serving, within twenty-four

hours thereafter, or within twenty-four hours after the arrival of such ship at a port where there is a shipping commissioner, to turn over to such shipping commissioner all the property of every description belonging to the deceased and on board the vessel, and the amount in cash of all wages to which the seaman was entitled at the time of his death.

"SEC. 21. It shall be the duty of the shipping commissioner to turn over without delay all such money, property, and papers so received to the Attorney-General for the Philippine Islands, who shall administer the estate, performing the duties and rendering the services provided by section eighteen (*b*) of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, entitled 'The Reorganization Act,' in the case of deceased civilian employees: *Provided, however*, That if the estate is of less than two hundred pesos in value, the shipping commissioner shall perform the duties therein enjoined upon the Attorney-General, and all his actions in connection therewith shall have the same legal force and validity as though performed by the Attorney-General in the case of a deceased civilian employee; *And provided further*, That no estate valued at more than one thousand pesos shall be administered by the Attorney-General under this Act.

"SEC. 22. The Insular Collector of Customs shall have control over the business in all shipping offices. He shall have authority, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, to prescribe the form and substance of uniform shipping articles and to compel their use. He shall also promulgate regulations, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, covering the shipment, discharge, and registry of seamen, provide for the issue and use of *libretas* or personal description books, and to this end may demand photographs and other means of identifying the seamen registered. He shall also define the conditions under which unregistered officers and men may be shipped, and the manner of taking appeal from the decision of the shipping commissioner, and shall have general power to prescribe, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, all such other rules and regulations of whatsoever name and nature, as may be necessary to carry out the true intent and purpose of this Act.

"SEC. 23. This Act shall apply to all vessels licensed to engage in the coastwise trade of the Philippine Islands and to all vessels documented in the Philippine Islands and engaged in foreign trade. It shall not apply to vessels licensed for and engaged exclusively in the lighterage or harbor business.

"SEC. 24. The word "seaman" as used in this Act shall include officer, unless the contrary appears from the context.

"SEC. 25. The total salaries and expenses, ordinary and extraordinary, including a reasonable allowance for office supplies and rent, paid under this Act, shall not exceed in any fiscal year the gross revenue accruing to the Government from the sources of income

herein provided: *Provided,* That at least one-half of all the fees received under this Act during the first year of its operation shall be paid into the fund created by section thirteen hereof."

As amended by your committee the bill is substantially the same as Commission Bill No. 150, referred to this committee on January 4, 1912, for report and recommendation.

The bill of the Commission places the control of the office of shipping commissioner in the hands of the Collector of Customs, while the bill of the Assembly establishes the position within the Bureau of Labor. It is the opinion of your committee that this office should be part of the Bureau of Customs, in view of the provisions of Act No. 355, known as the "Customs Administrative Act," section 3 of which defines as one of the duties of the customs service "the shipping, protection, and care of merchant seamen."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 940 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 2, page 1, line 13, strike out the word "thereof" and insert in lieu thereof the word "therefor."

Section 3, page 2, line 2, strike out the words "respect of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "respect to."

Section 5, page 2, line 12, strike out the word "for" and insert in lieu thereof the word "upon;" and in line 14, strike out the words "the duties of his office" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such duties."

Section 7, pages 2 and 3, change the figures at the beginning of the paragraphs to letters.

Section 8, page 3, line 18, strike out the word "chronic" before the word "drunkenness."

Section 9, page 4, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "by Acts Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-four, Fourteen hundred and five and Fifteen hundred and seventy-six;" line 3, strike out the words "One-half of;" and in lines 4, 5, and 6, strike out the words "and the other half shall be paid to the seaman or such other person as shall first give information thereof to the shipping commissioner."

Section 12, page 5, line 13, insert the word "by" before the word "both."

Section 13, page 5, line 22, insert the word "written" before the word "approval."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried.

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 379.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 13, 1912, Commission Bill No. 160, entitled "an Act amending Act Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled the 'Public Land Act,' by providing that persons, associations and corporations may acquire by purchase public lands not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent for purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, and that provinces, municipalities or other municipal corporations may acquire by purchase public lands for cemetery or park purposes not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

This bill affects but slightly the Bureaus under the control of the Department of Commerce and Police and your committee sees no objection to its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Commission Bill No. 160 was thereupon read the second time and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill for the President:

Commission Bill No. 170. An Act amending Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An Act prescribing the method of executing leases of real estate to or by the Insular Government," by providing the method of making contracts and leases for Government buildings or cottages under the control of the Bureau of Public Works.

Commission Bill No. 170 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 171. An Act providing the method of executing leases of Government buildings or cottages.

Commission Bill No. 171 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 171 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER AUTHORITY OF JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBERED FOUR.

The Secretary then submitted to the Commission the report of the joint committee appointed under authority of joint resolution No. 4, entitled "Joint Resolution creating a select joint committee to investigate the crisis in rice and other food grains and to recommend to the Philippine Legislature the adoption of new measures to avert the consequences thereof."

The report was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

By unanimous consent, the Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session, see p. 988.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Bureaus of Agriculture and Prisons.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Bureaus of Agriculture and Prisons, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An act providing

for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Reyes, Tirona, and Tupas.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Worcester, Luzuriaga and Palma be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled: An act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Reyes, Grajo and López Vito.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment

to Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Araneta, Sumulong, and Branagan be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 24, 1912, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 904, entitled "An Act to prohibit certain cruel practices on horses, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

JANUARY 23, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 23, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 968, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled 'An Act to equalize and secure uniformity in salaries of provincial governors and treasurers' as regards those of the Provinces of Bohol, Samar, and Nueva Ecija."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 968 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 23, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 23, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 918, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section four of

Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "A general Act for the organization of municipal governments in the Philippine Islands."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 918 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

At this point the President entered the session chamber and took the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly with reference to the Bureau of Forestry.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Bureau of Forestry, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Friday, January 26, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester (after roll call), Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, January 25, 1912, was read and approved.

SUSPENSION OF RULE IV.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that for the rest of the present session Rule IV of the Rules of the Commission relating to the order of business be suspended.

The motion was unanimously carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 380.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 660, entitled "An Act providing that thirty per centum of the amount collected annually for road funds be employed exclusively in the repair of roads within municipalities and that said funds be placed at the disposal of municipal councils," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Act No. 1932 already provides for the expennditure of 30 per cent of the amount of the cedula tax collected in each municipality. At present this money is considered accumulative and is allowed to accumulate until there are sufficient funds to do economical work. The present system allows a systematic planning of road and bridge

work in all the provinces which will insure first-class roads to each municipality in from five to ten years. The results show for themselves.

This Act will not only destroy the systematic planning of work but will divide the road and bridge funds each year in each province into twenty or thirty small projects under the supervision of inexperienced men; it will materially hamper the usefulness of the district engineer. In no case will it give a sufficient amount of money on any municipal project to do economical work even under an experienced man, should there happen to be one.

After a first-class road has once been constructed more than 30 per cent of the cedula tax for the municipality will ordinarily be required for maintenance alone. Maintenance usually extends through a continuous line of municipalities and to be effective at all must be under general supervision; it would not be practicable to limit it to municipal divisions.

The proposed Act is ostensibly in the interests of the municipalities whose cedula tax is still on the accumulative list. As a matter of fact the result would be entirely to the contrary. The present policy having now been pursued for a number of years the most important municipalities have now reaped the benefit of this policy and any serious change at the present time would result in relieving them from assisting and extending road and bridge improvements to other municipalities.

Taken as a whole the provisions of the proposed Act are considered impracticable and largely detrimental to those municipalities to which road and bridge development has not yet been extended.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 381.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 681, entitled "An Act prohibiting the entry or introduction, under certain conditions, of every kind of large cattle into the Island of Catanduanes, Province of Albay, and establishing penalties for the violation of this Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid on the table.

Your committee believes that the principle underlying this bill

is incorrect. Quarantines are by nature restrictive, and almost invariably work hardships on at least a portion of the people. They should, therefore, be ordered only when they are quite necessary, and for as short a period of time as is possible. This is particularly true in the case of local quarantines which hamper the movements of animals between contiguous localities. Such quarantines should be the subject of regulations, not of laws. They can in this manner be adapted to changing conditions from time to time and immediately removed when the need therefor no longer exists. Your committee during the time of the last session of this Legislature introduced a bill which was passed by the Commission authorizing the Director of Agriculture, under certain conditions and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public. Instruction, to declare local quarantines. This bill was tabled by the Assembly. Your committee will, probably during the next Legislature, again introduce a quarantine bill differing in some respects from the other, and if this bill is approved by the Legislature the Director of Agriculture will have authority to do what the bill, which is the subject of this report, intends.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 382.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on January 16, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 929, entitled "An Act authorizing the Municipal Board of the city of Manila and the Bureau of Public Works to provide for the payment of the compensation and other expenses to their respective unclassified employees and laborers injured in the performance of their duties, and of a donation in cash to the families of such unclassified employees and laborers dying from injuries resulting from labor accidents," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. Section twenty-five (*d*) of Act Numbered Sixteen

hundred and ninety-eight, known as the Revised Civil Service Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"'SEC. 25. (*d*). When an officer or employee in the civil service, Insular or provincial, or of the city of Manila, permanent or temporary, is wounded or injured in the performance of duty, the Governor-General or proper head of Department may direct that absence during the period of disability caused by such wound or injury shall be on full pay for a period not exceeding six months: *Provided,* That if the officer or employee is entitled to the vacation leave provided in section twenty-four of this Act, absence for this reason shall be charged first against such vacation leave: *And provided further,* That the Governor-General or proper head of Department may, in his discretion, authorize payment of medical attendance, necessary transportation, subsistence, and hospital fees for all Insular officers, employees, and laborers, and the Municipal Board of the city of Manila may also in its discretion, authorize the payment of such expenses for all officers, employees, and laborers of the city of Manila, whether permanently or temporarily appointed, and whatever their rate of compensation, pay, or wages, who have been wounded or injured in the performance of their duty: *And provided further,* That the Governor-General or proper head of Department or the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, as the case may be, may authorize payment of reasonable burial expenses and of three months' salary or wages to the widow or dependent child or children of any officer, employee, or laborer who is killed or dies from wounds or injuries received while in line of duty: *And provided further,* That payments made under this paragraph shall not be made from the appropriation for general purposes when the Bureau or Office concerned has an available appropriation for contingent expenses or public works, as the case may be, from which such payments can be made, nor shall the provisions of this section be construed to cover sickness as distinguished from physical wounds: *Provided, however,* That when such sickness is the direct and immediate result of the performance of some Act in the line of duty, the Governor-General or proper head of Department may in his discretion authorize the payment of necessary hospital fees.'"

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 929 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section twenty-five (*d*), Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, known as the Revised Civil Service Act, by providing for additional allowances in cases of wounds, injuries, or sickness in the performance of duty.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

At this point Commissioner Worcester entered the Session Chamber.

HEARING OF MESSRS. HORD AND HARTIGAN ON ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 655, AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing the arguments of Mr. John S. Hord, president of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, and Mr. Thomas L. Hartigan, attorney for the bank, in favor of Assembly Bill No. 655, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled 'An act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its status,' for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said

Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino."

After hearing the arguments of these gentlemen the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next meeting of the Commission.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 26 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Saturday, January 27, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, January 26, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Villanueva (H.), Reyes and Grajo.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment

to Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Gilbert, Palma, and Sumulong be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 982, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act repealing Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An Act to prohibit the display of flags, banners, emblems, or devices used in the Philippine Islands for the purpose of rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States and the display of Katipunan flags, banners, emblems, or devices, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 982 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 976, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of seven thousand pesos for the maintenance of the twenty Government scholarships now existing in the College of Veterinary Science of the University of the Philippines, by virtue of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 976 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 916, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act defining the qualifications for eligibility to the office of head of department of the city of Manila.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 916 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 704, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making the civil service privileges extensive to the municipal treasurers of provinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 704 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 74, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing an institute of Philippine languages, providing for the teaching of said languages to the teachers of the public schools, and appropriating twenty thousand pesos for the establishment of said institute.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 74 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 24, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 961, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section twenty-two of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by section one of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-one, so that the office hours in all Bureaus and offices in the Philippine Civil Service and the city of Manila shall be seven hours, and that the same may be reduced to five from the first of April, and not before, to the fifteenth of June, and not later, of each year, and providing means for the strict observance of the same.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 961 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 383.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 20, 1912, Commission Bill No. 166, entitled "An Act amending section three hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, entitled 'An Act to constitute the custom service of

the Philippine Islands,' authorizing the payment of awards for customs seizures and for information of fraud against the custom revenues, and requiring persons in the employ of the Government and officers of vessels to give information of fraud upon the customs and fixing penalties for failure to comply therewith, and making it unlawful for any person in the employ of the Government to participate in awards for information," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 4, strike out the word "that."

Page 1, line 8, after the word "justice," insert the words "upon the recommendation of the Insular Collector of Customs."

Page 1, line 11, beginning with the words "*Provided*, That," strike out all down to and including the words "revenue for examination" in line 1, page 2.

Page 2, line 8, after the word "importers" insert the words "or exporters."

Page 2, line 17, beginning with the words "and in accordance," strike out all the rest of the paragraph.

Page 2, lines 23, 24 and 25, insert the following words, viz: "No claim of either informers or seizing officers for compensation shall be allowed unless a sum not less than five dollars is available for award to the claimant."

Page 2, line 29, strike out the word "district."

Page 3, strike out all after line 8.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Commission Bill No. 166 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in:

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 1, page 2, line 27, strike out the words "Government of the Philippine Islands" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Bureau of Customs;" line 29, strike out the word "the" before "collector

of customs" and insert in lieu thereof the word "a;" page 3 lines 3 to 8, strike out the words "be deemed to be an accessory to such fraud and, upon conviction, may be punished by a fine of one thousand dollars or less in the discretion of the court, and such person shall not be thereafter eligible to any office of honor, trust or emolument in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands" and insert in lieu thereof the words "upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both in the discretion of the court."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section three hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the Philippine Customs Administrative Act, by providing that compensation to informers and seizing officers shall be paid with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, by punishing certain persons who fail to report to a collector of customs any information in their possession concerning any fraud upon the customs revenue and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

[Committee Report No. 384.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 24, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 833, entitled "An Act providing that deputy fiscals in the provinces organized under the Provincial Government Act shall be exempt from civil-service examination if they are

lawyers," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 2, lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "after the first of March, nineteen hundred and two."

Page 2, line 7, beginning with the words "except the deputy fiscal," strike out all to the end of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "*And provided further*, That persons admitted by the Supreme Court to practice law in the courts of the Philippine Islands may be appointed deputy provincial fiscal without the requirement of a civil-service examination."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and Assembly Bill No. 833 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Amend the last proviso to section one to read as follows: "*And provided further*, That persons so appointed acting provincial fiscal or deputy provincial fiscal shall not be required to have passed the civil service examination."

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 1, page 2, line 1, after the words "deputy fiscal" insert the words "who shall be a lawyer who has been admitted by the Supreme Court to practice law in the courts of the Philippine Islands."

Strike out section 2 in its entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

The President entered the Session Chamber at this point and assumed the chair.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 385.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on January 19, 1912, Commission Bill No. 165, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the real property of the Government of the Philippine Islands known as the Ice Plant for a sum not less than two million pesos, to give to the purchaser a good and sufficient title to said property, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 1, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "of the Philippine Islands, hereinafter called the Governor-General."

Page 1, lines 7 and 8, strike out the words "lands and buildings occupied by the United States for military purposes," and insert in lieu thereof the words "approach to the Colgante Bridge."

Page 1, line 12, after the words "Governor-General," insert the words "before selling the plant."

Page 2, line 17, after the words "rate of" insert the word "six."

Page 3, line 7, after the word "necessary," insert the words "minimum space to be rented to the public for storage and."

Page 3, line 9, after the word "plant," insert the words "and meats, fruits, vegetables, and other foods stored therein."

Special circumstances made it advisable for the Government to establish and operate an ice plant in Manila. These circumstances have now disappeared, and in the opinion of your committee if the Government can advantageously sell the plant, no good reason exists in favor of the Government's retaining this property. The sale as proposed in this bill your committee believes to be an advantageous one for the Government. The bill contains, moreover, certain restrictions which will prevent the purchasing company from unduly raising the price of ice or water, or of meats or other foods stored therein.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Commission Bill No. 165 was thereupon read the second time, together with the

report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the select committee be concurred in.

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Amend section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Governor-General is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, grant, and convey the property of the Government of the Philippine Islands, hereinafter called the Government, situated on the shore of the River Pasig between the bridge of Santa Cruz and approach to the Colgante Bridge, including all the buildings, machinery, vehicles, animals, equipment, and supplies thereon which are now used in the operation of what is known as the Insular Cold Storage and Ice Plant, hereinafter called the plant, except the land whereon the same is located, hereinafter called the land, and to lease the land to the buyer of the plant for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth."

Section 2, after the words "The Governor-General before selling the plant" insert the words "or leasing the land;" page 2, line 1, after the word "sale" insert the words "and the land for lease;" line 2, after the words "said sale" insert the words "and lease."

Section 3, page 2, lines 12 and 13, strike out the words "before the deed to or conveyance of the plant shall be delivered" and insert in lieu thereof the words "before the conveyance of the plant and lease of the land shall be delivered;" line 13, strike out the words "such deed or conveyance" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such conveyance and lease."

Section 6, page 3, lines 12 and 13, strike out the words "for the operation of the plant and for the supervision thereof as described."

Section 7, page 3, line 22, strike out the words "The deed, grant, or conveyance issued" and insert in lieu thereof the words "The conveyance of the plant executed;" line 25, after the words "preliminary to the sale" insert the words "and lease;" line 27, strike out the word "deed" and insert in lieu thereof the word "conveyance;" lines 28 to 32, strike out the words "and in the land and building and other improvements being a part thereof and in all the property, machinery, apparatus, vehicles, animals, equipment, and supplies in and about the said plant, but not such property, animals, vehicles, and equipment not kept" and insert in lieu thereof the words "excepting such property, animals, vehicles, and equipment as are not kept."

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Strike out section 8 and insert in lieu thereof the following new sections:

"SEC. 8. All money received under the provisions of this Act is hereby appropriated for the improvement of Insular property in the city of Manila, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Police for the construction thereon of bridges, wharves, piers, and docks, and for Government warehouses for receiving and handling merchandise on the same.

"SEC. 9. Section nine of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifteen, entitled 'An Act creating a Bureau of the Cold Storage and Ice Plant, and providing the method of conducting said plant and the personnel and salaries of the employees therein' as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

" 'SEC. 9. Should there be any cold-storage space available not required by the Army of the United States under its contract with the Government of the Philippine Islands, such space may be made available for private individuals at prices to be fixed by the superintendent with the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction.

" 'Ice and distilled water produced in the plant, if in excess of the demands for the purposes specified in sections seven and eight, may be disposed of to the public at large under regulations and at prices to be fixed by the superintendent with the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction.'

"SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect on its passage except section nine hereof which shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 386.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 4, 1912, Commission Bill No. 150, entitled "An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases, the relief of distressed seamen, the settlement of the estates of deceased seamen, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table as this matter has been taken

care of in the amendment already recommended by your committee to Assembly Bill No. 940 on the same subject.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 387.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on January 13, 1912, Commission Bill No. 159, entitled "An Act amending section twenty-five (*d*), Act Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, known as Revised Civil Service Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table as this matter has been taken care of in the amendment already recommended by your committee to Assembly Bill No. 929 on the same subject.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 388.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on January 20, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 960, entitled "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight entitled 'An Act for the regulation of the Philippine civil service,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table.

At the time of the passage of the original Civil Service Act employees then in Government service were allowed to retain their positions in spite of the fact that many of them did not and could not

qualify in the examinations required of new appointees. Thus men appointed in the early days when the machinery for ascertaining the best qualified by competitive civil-service examinations was not in operation, were allowed to retain their positions while other better qualified men were unable to secure appointment. For those employees who entered the service prior to the passage of the original Civil Service Act, as well as for all other members of the service, promotion is not allowable to any higher position until the examination prescribed for that position shall have been passed.

Section 3 (*i*) of Act No. 1698 requires competitive or noncompetitive promotion examinations whenever practicable. Persons who entered the classified service without examination may be promoted on simply passing noncompetitively the examination required for original appointment to the position to which promotion is proposed. This gives the employee who was appointed without examination a great advantage over persons not in the service, as by simply obtaining 70 per cent on the examination he may receive the appointment even though persons not in the service should obtain very much higher ratings in the examination. In the opinion of the undersigned, no person should receive promotion to any position who cannot pass noncompetitively the examination which would be required of persons outside of the service to obtain appointment. Mere length of service should not permit the promotion of persons who are so poorly equipped as to be unable to pass noncompetitively the required examination.

The proposed amendment applies only to persons receiving less than ₱2,000 per annum. If passed, employees receiving more than ₱2,000 per annum, who are also ineligible for promotion by reason of inability to qualify, would undoubtedly consider that an injustice was done them and would urge similar legislation in their behalf.

A person who enters the classified service as a result of a low-grade examination is not eligible for promotion beyond the salary limit prescribed for the examination taken by him until he passes a higher examination. Under the proposed amendment a second person, receiving the same salary as the first, who had entered the service without any examination, would be eligible for promotion to the next higher class even though he might not be able to pass the higher grade examination, or even the low grade examination which was taken by the first person. It is difficult to see why the second person should be given by law any greater consideration than the first one who entered the classified service as a result of competitive examination and not by merely being blanketed into the service.

The present law leaves the subject of promotions to be regulated by civil-service rules proposed by the Director of Civil Service and approved by the Governor-General. It is believed that the matter

should be so left and should not be disturbed by legislation limiting the proper control of the Executive over promotions in the service.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 172. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health," so as to increase the number of student nurses admitted to the Philippine Nurses' Training School.

Commission Bill No. 172 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title by striking out the words "so as to increase the number of student nurses admitted to the Philippine Nurses' Training School" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "by removing the restrictions as to the number of nurses of each sex that may be admitted during any one year."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY, RESUMED.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled: The Irrigation Law.

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Guanko, Grajo, and Villanueva (H.).

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the President, and Commissioners Elliott and Sumulong be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 135, entitled "An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General."

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments of the Assembly are as follows:

Strike out section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The position of Assistant Attorney-General at a salary of eight thousand pesos per annum in the Attorney-General's office is hereby abolished, and in lieu thereof there is hereby created the position of assistant attorney at a salary of six thousand pesos per annum."

Correct title so as to read as follows:

"An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General, and creating a position of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General."

The question being on the adoption of the amendments of the Assembly, the amendments were disagreed to. and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission request a conference with the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Araneta, .Palma, and Sumulong be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 978, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-five.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 978 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Election Law, for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 993, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand pesos for the establishment and maintenance in the city of Manila of a school of household industries.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 993 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 997, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending sections eight and nine of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and three, entitled "An Act to define and fix the status of prisoners and the responsibility for their maintenance, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 997 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 615, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that credit be allowed for imprisonment while awaiting trial and sentence.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 615 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 163, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act regulating the employment of women and children in factories, workshops, and mines.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 163 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 943, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act regarding public auctions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 943 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Branagan as a select committee for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 975, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act creating a committee for the investigation of the public services.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 975 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Gilbert as a select committee for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 977, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing Mauro Prieto and associates to establish a mortgage bank under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 977 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 25, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 25, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 906, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act prohibiting the entry or introduction of any cattle into the Province of Palawan, subject to certain conditions, and establishing penalties for violations thereof.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 906 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 389.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred on January 24, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The sum of thirty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the expenses of reception and entertainment, at Manila and in the provinces, of the members of the Committee of the United States Congress who are to visit the Philippine Islands to study conditions in the country and prepare and make recommendations to Congress, and for the payment of any expenses relating to the coming of said committee."

Your committee, however, calls the especial attention of the Com-

mission to section 2, which creates a reception committee so large as to be cumbersome.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee on Appropriations.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 922 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Appropriations thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 5 and 6, strike out the words "the committee" and insert in lieu thereof the words "any committee;" line 6, strike out the words "who are to visit" and insert in lieu thereof the words "who may visit;" line 11, strike out the word "said" before the word "committee" and insert in lieu thereof the word "such."

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 2, page 1, line 17, and lines 1 and 2 of page 2, strike out the words "by common accord by the President of the Philippine Commission and the Speaker of the Philippine Assembly" and insert in lieu thereof the words "by the Governor-General;" line 4, strike out the word "the" before the word "committee" and insert in lieu thereof the word "such."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

The President moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from Insular funds, for the expenses of the reception of any Committee of the United States Congress which may visit the Philippine Islands, during the calendar year nineteen hundred and twelve and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 390.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on January 17, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 866, entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Insular Treasurer, in representation of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to bring suit to recover, and, at the proper time, receive and receipt for funds belonging to the subscription opened for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to distribute said funds in accordance with the allotments made by the central relief board appointed at that time, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 2, line 20, strike out the words "the heirs of said persons," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "certain of the persons and the heirs of others."

This bill is substantially the same as Commission Bill No. 23, which was passed by the Commission on February 11, 1908, and sent on that date to the Assembly for its concurrence. Afterwards, on the 15th of February, the President of the Commission stated that it had been suggested to him that it might be possible to settle administratively the question of the collection from the Monte de Piedad of the funds belonging to the subscription for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of 1863 and that no law should be passed authorizing the bringing of a suit until an opportunity had been given for the administrative disposition of the matter. He therefore asked and was granted unanimous consent to have the bill recalled from the Assembly pending a motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed. The Secretary was accordingly directed to request the return of the bill from the Assembly. In response to this request the Assembly returned the bill to the Commission, no action being thereafter taken by the Commission.

This bill seeks to dispose of the claims presented to this Government by various interested parties demanding that certain money belonging to the subscription fund raised for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of June 3, 1863, deposited in the Monte de Piedad by the Spanish Government, be demanded by the Government from said institution and distributed among the persons entitled thereto. There is no possibility of being able to settle this question administratively, as the representatives of the Monte de Piedad refuse to return the money in question, alleging as grounds for their action that the Spanish Government made a donation of this money to that institution. The question, in the opinion of this committee, should be determined by the courts, and it is to this end that the present bill is introduced.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 866 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the select committee be concurred in.

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 2, page 3, line 5, after the word "money" and before the word "recovered" insert the words "which may be;" line 8, after the word "allotted" insert the words "or of the heirs of such persons;" line 15, after the word "representatives" insert the words "pro rata."

Sections 3 and 4, strike out in their entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was

called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see p. 989.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Monday, January 29, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, January 27, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 932, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act regulating the organization of life insurance corporations, defining their powers, fixing the duties of directors and other officers thereof, prescribing conditions under which said corporations may transact business, prescribing rules under which foreign life insurance corporations may transact business in these Islands, and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict or inconsistent with this Act, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 932 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 111, entitled "An Act to amend section seven of Act Numbered Five hundred and thirty, entitled 'An Act defining the jurisdiction of the civil and of the military authorities over lands reserved by the President of the United States for military purposes,' by providing for the manner of making arrests and serving subpœnas on military reservations, or in camps or barracks."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 111 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 118, entitled "An Act providing for the acknowledgment and authentication of instruments and documents without the Philippine Islands."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 118 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 833. An Act providing that deputy fiscals in the provinces organized under the Provincial Government Act shall be exempt from civil-service examination, if they are lawyers.

Assembly Bill No. 833 was read the third time.

Commissioner Araneta moved the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 12, after the word "fiscal" insert the words "who shall be a lawyer who has been admitted by the Supreme Court to practice law in the courts of the Philippine Islands, and."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section eleven of Act Numbered Eighty-three, as amended, by providing that acting provincial fiscals and deputy provincial fiscals shall be members of the bar and exempt from civil-service examinations.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and took the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON COMMISSION BILL NO. 160, AMENDING PUBLIC LAND ACT.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Commission Bill No. 160, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled the 'Public Land Act,' by providing that persons, associations, and corporations may acquire by purchase public lands not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent for purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, and that provinces, municipalities, or other municipal corporations may acquire by purchase public lands for cemetery or park purposes not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent, and for other purposes."

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 2, lines 1 and 8, strike out the words "forestry lands" and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "forest or foreshore lands;" lines 21 to 29, inclusive, strike out the words "and the water frontage which may be acquired under such an application shall be such as the Director of Lands may deem reasonable, subject to approval by the Secretary of Commerce and Police: *And provided further,* That where any land purchased for trade, manufacture or other productive industry is used for landing or wharf purposes, if the public is charged a toll for the use of such wharf or landing,

such toll shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title by inserting the word "certain" before the words "public land" in the third and seventh lines thereof.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 173. An Act amending section eight of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three of the Philippine Commission by authorizing the city council of Baguio to construct, acquire and maintain a public lighting system, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 173 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 173 be enrolled and

printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 391.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 737, amending Act No. 82 by changing the scale of salaries for the municipal officers, has examined the same, and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the attached bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of this bill is to amend section 22 of the Municipal Code so as to increase the maximum salaries at present allowed for the municipal officers, in order to make it possible to raise said salaries beyond the present limit. At present the salaries of the municipal officers are fixed, within the limits established by law, by resolution of the municipal council, subject to the approval of the provincial treasurer. From the decision of the provincial treasurer an appeal may be taken to the provincial board, whose decision in the matter is final. Your committee believes that the limits established by existing legislation give sufficient elasticity to the scale of salaries of the municipal officers and permit of the granting of the necessary increases in cases in which the same are justified.

Moreover, the scale of salaries established in section 22 of the Municipal Code has already been the object of so many modifications that the majority of the municipal officers are no longer subject, so far as their respective salaries are concerned, to the limit fixed by said general scale. The salaries of the municipal secretaries and treasurers may be increased, without any limit, by the provincial board, subject to the approval of the Executive Secretary, by virtue of subsection (*e*), section 2 of Act No. 1482. Under the provisions of Act No. 1979, the salaries of the municipal presidents of the capitals of provinces and subprovinces may be increased by resolution of the municipal council, approved by the Governor-General, to a sum not exceeding over 50 per cent of the sum authorized by the existing scale of salaries.

For these reasons, and it being the belief of your committee that the present financial situation of the municipalities does not permit

of the increased expenditure involved by the passage of the attached bill, it is recommended that said bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 392.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 16, 1911, resolution No. 146 of the convention of municipal presidents of the Province of Antique, recommending the passage of legislation authorizing certain municipalities of the said province to fix the date of their respective fiestas, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 1909, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the request contained in said resolution be denied.

The time within which the municipalities could fix or alter the dates of their fiestas, in accordance with Act No. 1909, expired on October 1, 1909. This time was subsequently extended until December 31, 1911, by Act No. 2054. Both these periods having expired without the municipalities of the Province of Antique having taken advantage of them, any change which it may be desired to make at present in the dates of municipal fiestas can—unless the Legislature grants a further extension of time—be made, according to said Acts Nos. 1909 and 2054, only by the passage of a special Act for each municipality, fixing the date of the municipal fiesta in each case. It is the opinion of your committee, however, that neither should a further extension of time be granted by the Legislature, in addition to the one already granted, nor should special Acts be passed in cases like the one on hand, because other municipalities would come and ask for a similar concession, and it would be unjust not to grant to all what has been granted to some.

The result of the denial of the petition of the convention of municipal presidents of Antique would be that cockfighting could not be authorized by the municipalities concerned upon the celebration of their local fiestas. Paragraph (*j*) of section 40 of the Municipal Code confers upon the municipal councils the authority to prohibit cockfighting. Considering that the municipal councils mentioned in the petition allowed the time granted by Acts Nos. 1909 and 2054 to expire without fixing the dates of their municipal fiestas, it is to be presumed that said councils decided to prohibit cockfights, this

being the result of their failure to fix a date for the celebration of their respective municipal fiestas. It does not appear that the convention of municipal presidents of Antique was voicing the sentiments of the municipal councils interested when it adopted the resolution here discussed, and this is another reason why the request contained in said resolution should be denied.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 393.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on January 19, 1912, the resolution of the municipal treasurers of the Province of La Union, of December 31, 1911, requesting that an Act be passed granting officials of their class accrued and vacation leave and an increase in their compensations, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this matter be laid on the table.

The requests contained in this resolution are two: The first is that the municipal treasurers be granted leave privileges, and the second that their salaries be increased. Both petitions are, in the opinion of your committee, well worthy of attention, for the simple reason that the municipal treasurers have many duties to perform, have to have special knowledge in the matter of accounting, and have a great deal of responsibility by reason of their office. However, the revenues of the municipalities and provinces of these Islands are very limited in comparison with their general expenses, and on the other hand the Municipal Code makes very clear provision with regard to absences of the municipal treasurers, and the passage of legislation like that requested by the treasurers of the municipalities of La Union is therefore not possible for the present, notwithstanding the justice of the resolution mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 31.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its amendment to the amendment of the Commission, and that both Houses agree to the following amendment in lieu thereof:

Section 3, page 2, line 25, change the comma after the word "Governor-General" to a period; and in lines 25 and 26, strike out the words "who shall direct its publication" and insert in lieu thereof the words "The inventor shall have six months thereafter within which to make application for a patent on his invention, and if he fails to make such application within said six months the Governor-General shall thereupon direct the publication of the report."

C. B. ELLIOTT,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
IRINEO JAVIER,
HERMOGENES REYES,
FULGENCIO CONTRERAS,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention."

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 394.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on January 24, 1912, Commission Bill No. 131, amending the Charter of Manila, for further consideration of subsection (*oo*) of

section 3 thereof, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That subsection (*oo*) of section 3 be amended to read as follows:

"(*oo*) To assess the costs and expenses of laying out, opening, straightening, widening, extending and grading, paving, curbing or otherwise improving public streets, alleys, parks and plazas, including the cost of the necessary land, and of building sidewalks in the following manner and subject to the following restrictions:

"1. When the Municipal Board determines that certain of the above mentioned improvements shall be made, it shall, after considering the nature of the improvement, the territory in which the same is to be made, its extent and the probable benefit to be derived therefrom by the persons whose land abuts upon the proposed improvement, or by those owning the land in the neighborhood of such improvement, pass a resolution describing in terms of reasonable accuracy such improvement, and stating its extent and where the same is to be located, declaring an assessment district and delimiting the same by metes and bounds; fixing a rate per centum according to which, based upon the then existing valuation of each parcel of real property within said district as shown by the books of the assessor and collector of the city of Manila, a special assessment shall be laid, computed and levied upon each parcel of real property within the district so fixed and delimited in proportion to and in no case greater than the increase in value of each parcel of property, to defray not more than one-half of the cost of the improvement contemplated, the remainder of the costs of such improvement to be paid by the city of Manila, and determining the number of annual installments, which shall not be less than five, in which such special assessment shall be paid. The Board shall not be required to fix one uniform rate per centum for all real property in such entire district, but may fix different rates for real property in different parts or sections of the district so fixed by it according as the real property in different parts of said districts will derive greater or less benefit from such contemplated improvement.

"2. The Municipal Board shall cause such resolution to be published once a week for two successive weeks in two daily newspapers published in the city of Manila, one in the English and one in the Spanish language. Such announcement so published shall also contain a list of the owners of the parcels of real property affected by the assessment.

"3. Within twenty days after the date of the last publication of the announcement aforesaid the owners of the land included in the assessment district, may file with the Municipal Board a protest against the improvement proposed, or a protest against such special assessment upon one of the following grounds: That his parcel of

land should be excluded from the assessment district; that some other parcel of land should be included in the assessment district; that the assessment was not made according to the rules or restrictions provided in paragraph one of this sub-section; that the number of installments should be increased. The signers of the protests shall set out their address in the same.

"4. The resolution of the Municipal Board shall be final in all respects, if within said period no protest is filed, and shall also be final as to the question of whether or not the improvement proposed shall be carried out, if within said period no protest is filed against the improvement proposed, signed by at least two-thirds of the owners of the land included within the assessment district, said two-thirds of the owners being the owners of at least two-thirds of the entire extent of the land so affected.

"5. In case protests are filed, the Municipal Board shall fix a date for the hearing of such protests, and shall give reasonable notice to all protestants who have given their address, and also to all owners of lands affected by any protest or protests, and shall, moreover, cause to be published in two consecutive issues of two newspapers published in the city of Manila, one in the English and one in the Spanish language, a notice of the date on which the hearing is to begin. After due hearing the Board shall determine the matter, either confirming its decision or modifying the same in whole or in part.

"6. The Municipal Board shall give notice of its decision to all parties interested who have given their address, and shall, moreover, cause its decision to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two daily newspapers published in the city of Manila, one in the English and one in the Spanish language. Such announcement so published shall also contain a list of the owners of the parcels of real estate affected by the assessment.

"7. Any person affected by such decision may, within the period of twenty days after the date of the last publication of the announcement aforesaid, file with the Municipal Board an appeal from the decision of the Municipal Board to the Public Improvement Board hereinafter provided, basing such appeal on any of the grounds set out in paragraph three of this section. The Governor-General is hereby authorized to appoint a board consisting of five residents of the city of Manila, citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, to be known as the Public Improvement Board, who shall serve without pay.

"8. The decision of the Municipal Board shall be final except with respect to a special assessment against lands whose owners have appealed from its decision, if within said period no appeal is filed against the improvement proposed, signed by at least two-thirds of the owners of the land included in the assessment dis-

trict, said two-thirds of the owners being the owners of at least two-thirds of the entire extent of the land so affected.

"9. In case appeal is taken as set out in the preceding paragraph, the Municipal Board shall forward the same to the Public Improvement Board, with all extracts from the journal of the Municipal Board relating to the improvement proposed and the appeal presented. The Public Improvement Board upon receipt of the paper shall fix a date for the hearing of the appeal presented, giving reasonable notice thereof to the appellants, and shall, moreover, cause a notice of the date on which the hearing of such appeal is to begin to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two daily newspapers published in the city of Manila, one in the English and one in the Spanish language. The Municipal Board shall be represented and heard in the hearing of such appeals. The Public Improvement Board shall examine *de novo* all the questions involved in the appeals presented, and its decision thereon shall be final: *Provided, however,* That it shall not have power to change the assessment on the parcels of land whose owners did not present an appeal.

"10. All sums and amounts due from any owner or owners as a result of any action taken by virtue of the authority conferred in this subsection shall be due and payable at such times as may by ordinance of the Municipal Board be prescribed and shall be collected in the same manner as is provided with regard to the annual tax on the real estate in the city of Manila by this Act, and all such sums and amounts shall from the date on which they were assessed constitute liens on the property against which the same were assessed and shall take precedence over any and all other liens which may exist upon such property excepting only such as may have attached as a result of the non-payment of the annual tax levied upon and assessed against such property under the provisions of section forty-seven of this Act.

"To order the draining, filling or cleaning of land declared unsanitary by the Director of Health, and in case the owner of such land refuses to obey the order, to do the work at the cost and expense of the owner, and to collect such cost and expense from the owner. The amount due on this account shall constitute a lien on the property to date from the day on which such amount is due, and shall take precedence over all other liens except annual tax liens, and shall be collected in the same manner as is provided in this Act with regard to the annual tax on real estate."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and the Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of the bill.

After some consideration, the Committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the select committee in Reports Nos. 340 and 394 be concurred in with the following amendment:

"In the first line of subsection (*oo*) of section 3, insert after the word 'assess' the words 'a part of;' and in the fifth line insert the word 'acquiring' before the words 'the necessary land.'

"In the third line of paragraph 1, insert after the word 'made' the words 'and that a part of the cost and expenses of the same are to be assessed against the property benefited.'

"In paragraph 3, strike out the words 'upon one of the following grounds: That his parcel of land should be excluded from the assessment district; that some other parcel of land should be included in the assessment district; that the assessment was not made according to the rules or restrictions provided in paragraph one of this subsection; that the number of installments should be increased.'

"In paragraph 4, strike out the words 'owners of the land included within the assessment district, said two-thirds of the owners being the owners of at least two-thirds of the entire extent of the land so affected,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'persons who are the owners of the land included within the assessment district, and also by the owners of two-thirds of the land affected.'

"In paragraph 5, strike out the words 'in case' at the beginning thereof and insert in lieu thereof the word 'when;' and strike out the word 'moreover' before the words 'cause to be published.'

"In paragraph 6, strike out the word 'moreover' before the words 'cause its decision.'

"Paragraph 7, amend to read as follows:

"'7. The Governor-General is hereby authorized to appoint a board consisting of five residents of the city of Manila, citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands to be known as the Special Assessment Board, who shall hold office until January first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, after which date the term of office of the members of the board shall be two years. In case a vacancy should occur on such board it shall be filled by the Governor-General for the unexpired term. If any member of the board should be interested in any manner in any proposed assessment, he shall not serve with the board in that case, but another member to act in his place in said case shall be appointed by the Governor-General. The members of the board shall serve without pay.'

"Paragraph 8, amend to read as follows:

"'8. The decision of the Municipal Board shall be final if within twenty days after the date of the publication of the announcements mentioned in paragraph six of this subsection no appeal is filed against the improvement proposed, or against the assessment, signed by at least two-thirds of the persons who are the owners of the land included in the assessment district, and also by the owners of two-thirds of the land so affected.'

"In paragraph 10, strike out the word 'moreover' before the words 'cause a notice.'

"Give to the last paragraph of said amendment the designation '(*pp*)'.

"Strike out the words 'Public Improvement Board' wherever they occur, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'Special Assessment Board.'"

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 3, page 5, line 16, strike out "(*pp*)" and insert in lieu thereof "(*qq*);" line 19, after the word "vehicles" insert the words "motor vehicles;" line 21, after the word "vehicles" insert the words "motor vehicles;" lines 25 and 26, strike out the words "operating motor vehicles" and insert in lieu thereof the words "operating or driving motor or other vehicles."

Section 4, page 8, lines 28 to 30, strike out the words "having made an assessment at the close of the period ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and ten."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Manila," by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act

relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

Commissioner ELLIOTT. In voting in the affirmative, I wish to state that I do so because of the fact that there are many parts of the bill which I would like to see enacted. My objection is to the fundamental principle underlying the part of the bill relative to special assessment; that is, the imposition of such an assessment without the property owner having anything substantial to say on the question. But, in view of the fact that the Commission has adopted the other view, I somewhat against my best judgment vote, "Aye" on the passage of the bill.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 165. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the real property of the Government of the Philippine Islands known as the "Ice Plant" for a sum not less than two million pesos, to give to the purchaser a good and sufficient title to said property and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 165 was read the third time.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to strike out in section 1, page 1, line 4, the words "River Pasig" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Pasig River;" and in line 5, strike out the words "Bridge of Santa Cruz" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Santa Cruz bridge."

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to strike out the words "Colgante Bridge" and insert in lieu thereof the words "suspension bridge across the Pasig River."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was

called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Branagan voting in the negative.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the buildings and other property known as the Insular Cold Storage and Ice Plant and to lease the land on which the same is situated, appropriating the money received therefor, and amending section nine of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifteen, as amended, by authorizing the fixing of the price of ice, distilled water and cold storage produced in said plant.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

Commissioner BRANAGAN. I believe in Government ownership of public utilities and fear that, if the ice plant is disposed of, the same conditions would arise which prompted the Government in the first place to build this plant. I therefore voted "No."

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Tuesday, January 30, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester (after roll call), Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, January 29, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1010, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing school prizes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1010 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 773, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing prescription of crimes and misdemeanors.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 773 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 931, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the reorganization of the Courts of First Instance.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 931 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 994, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act creating the Bureau of Land Registration, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 994 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 395.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 997, entitled "An Act amending sections eight and nine of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and three, entitled 'An Act to define and fix the status of prisoners and the responsibility for their maintenance,' and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid upon the table.

The matter of determining against what entity the cost of transporting to prison the various classes of prisoners should in each case be charged was carefully studied at the time of the passage of Act No. 1703, and the law was passed in accordance with the determinations then made. Your committee is of opinion that in equity provinces should pay the cost of sending their prisoners to Bilibid for confinement, but even were this not the case it would not be possible to load the appropriation for the Bureau of Prisons with these additional expenses, unless that appropriation were at the same time increased in a sum necessary to provide therefor, and this sum has not been incorporated into the appropriation bill passed by the Commission. Your committee believes that no useful purpose would be served by limiting the authority of the Governor-General in the matter of transferring prisoners between penal institutions in the manner provided for herein.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 396.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 74, entitled "An Act establishing an Institute of Philippine Languages providing for the teaching of said languages to the teachers of the public schools, and appropriating twenty thousand pesos for the establishment of said institute," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Your committee is not aware of the need for an institute of

Philippine languages within the Bureau of Education. English is the language of the schools, and all our efforts should look to the improvement of the English of the teachers in the public schools. The Government should strive for unity rather than diversity in the matter of language.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 397.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on January 9, 1912, resolution No. 212 of the municipal council of Salasa, requesting the change of said name to "Osmeña," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the petition of the municipal council mentioned be granted and the necessary legislation passed in accordance with the attached draft of a bill.

In the opinion of your committee, this recommendation needs no explanation, inasmuch as the resolution mentioned was adopted unanimously by the municipality of Salasa and received the unanimous approval of the provincial board of Pangasinan, by which action the authorities of said municipality and province showed their desire that the change of name requested be made effective.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted, and the following bill accompanying the same was taken up and considered:

Commission Bill No. 174. An Act changing the name of the municipality of Salasa, Province of Pangasinan, to Osmeña.

Commission Bill No. 174 was read the first and second times.

At this point Commissioner Worcester entered the Session Chamber.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to strike out section 2 in its entirety.

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, that the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 175. An Act amending the second paragraph of the first subsection of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and repealing the third paragraph of the first subsection of article one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven, as amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Commission Bill No. 175 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending the second paragraph of the first subsection of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven by omitting certain routes over which railroads are to be constructed and repealing the third paragraph of the first subsection of section

one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven, as amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES RESUMED.

[Committee Report No. 398.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 982, entitled "An Act repealing Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the exhibition of flags, banners, emblems, or devices used for the purpose of rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States and the exhibition of flags, banners, emblems, or devices of the Katipunan, and for other purposes,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table for the reason that it would tend to raise political feeling, which would be inopportune at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 399.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 916, entitled "An Act defining the requirements for eligibility to the office of chief of department of the city of Manila," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table, for the reason that the requirement that the heads of the city of Manila departments should be

citizens of the Philippine Islands would cause the dismissal from the service of all present incumbents who are not Filipinos.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 400.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Taxation and Revenue, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 727, entitled "An Act authorizing the municipalities of the Philippine Islands to impose in certain cases a tax on the removal, in certain quantities, of gravel, sand, and stone, from their rivers by private individuals and companies, and amending in this sense section forty-three of Act Numbered Eighty-two, as amended," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The beds and channels of rivers are part of the public domain, and your committee is of the opinion that the power to tax the privilege of taking sand and gravel therefrom should not be conferred upon the municipalities, as the conferring of such authority might interfere with the control held over navigable streams by the Bureau of Navigation or with irrigation projects under the control of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, as shown by reports from Bureau chiefs hereto attached. There is also a question raised as to the power to legislate on this subject, in an opinion of the Attorney-General attached.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 401.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 978, entitled "An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Two thousand and

forty-five," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid upon the table.

Act No. 2045 was passed something less than a year ago while the present provincial officials were still in office, and after, it must be supposed, due consideration had been given to the fact that these officials would be affected thereby. Your committee is aware of no change in conditions which makes it necessary to exempt them from the operations of section 2 of that law.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee on Amendments to the Election Law.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

SECOND READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 655. An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelve, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes," for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino.

Assembly Bill No. 655 was read the second time and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for further amendment.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly with reference to the Philippine Library, Doctor Robertson, the librarian, being present.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Philippine Library, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

RECESS.

At 12 o'clock and 7 minutes postmeridian, the Chair declared a recess until 4 o'clock postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 4 o'clock postmeridian the Commission reconvened.

The President being temporarily absent, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1001, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators, and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1001 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 733, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending subsection (*c*) of section six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty relating to cattle quarantines.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 733 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 868, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code" as amended, authorizing councilors to appoint as barrio lieutenants and substitutes therefor persons who are not qualified electors in case other persons duly qualified as such can not be found to accept the appointment and granting such appointees certain compensation.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 868 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 987, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing municipalities to designate the dates for the fiestas of consolidated pueblos, under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 987 was read

the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 954, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 954 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 999, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 999 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Joint Resolution No. 38, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Joint Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive of these Islands to petition the Federal Government of the United States to coöperate and negotiate with the Government of Spain for the payment and refund of the sum of three hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight pesos and twenty-five and one-eighth centimos of the earthquake funds of

eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and recommending that he do so, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 38 was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 29, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Assembly to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 226, entitled "An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 402.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 6, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 319, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a school for foremen of public works," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

It is recommended that this bill be laid on the table.

I am informed that courses of study similar to those required by this bill are already offered in the trade schools of the Bureau of Education. If such is not the case, they can easily be arranged for without the formality of legislation.

It does not seem advisable to provide a legal title for persons who have completed such studies, nor is the designation "foreman" a particularly happy descriptive title. A good foreman must have, in addition to the necessary technical training, the ability to handle

men and get results, something which can be acquired by actual practice only. Nor would it do to give preference in appointment to such positions to men who have had no practical experience, or no more than can be acquired by six months' practice.

While the object sought to be obtained is a commendable one, and the Commission should do all in its power to assist in the extension of technical and engineering training, it is not believed that this bill will accomplish the end in view.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 403.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 906, prohibiting the introduction of cattle into the Province of Palawan under certain conditions and establishing a penalty for the violation of the provisions thereof, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That it be laid upon the table.

Your committee invites attention to its report on Assembly Bill No. 681.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

At this point the President entered the Session Chamber and assumed the chair.

[Committee Report No. 404.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 16, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 694, entitled "An Act amending sections thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-eight, known as 'The Forest Act,'" has examined the

same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Section 13 of the Forest Act, as it is proposed to amend it would include a number of matters which should either be left to the discretion of the Director of Forestry, or should, and can, be covered by administrative regulations.

The most important of the proposed amendments provides:

"That the granting of an ordinary license shall be no bar to the granting of another license of the same kind, in such way that two or more ordinary licenses may and shall be granted for one forest or forest zone when the quantity of timber or forest products in such zone are so abundant that each licensee shall have, according to his means, sufficient material for his development to last one year."

The corresponding provision of the present law reads, "the selection of timber and the granting of exclusive territory whenever practicable shall be required." The wisdom of this provision has been abundantly shown by the practical experience of the Bureau of Forestry. It is possible, under existing provisions of law, to grant two ordinary licenses for one forest tract, and this has been done in a few cases with the invariable result that trouble has arisen between the two licensees, or their agents, resulting in lost efficiency, disputes, and personal enmities, as well as greatly complicating Bureau of Forestry administration.

With two licensees operating in one tract it is difficult to prove which may have infringed the Forest Act or rules, and the energies of the Bureau force are frittered away in investigations which would be needless, and in settling disputes which would not arise, if exclusive licenses were granted.

In the opinion of your committee it would be a serious mistake to make such conditions the rule, as they would be under the proposed amendment, rather than the exception, as at present.

The Act as amended provides that no exclusive license shall be granted except for exploitation by means of steam machinery, or other equivalent motive power. Such a provision of law would work a hardship upon many small licensees who would lose timber by theft from the areas which they were working if not protected by exclusive licenses. It would be impossible for the Government to protect them, and the Government would suffer the loss of a revenue corresponding to the timber stolen. Under an exclusive license the licensee can take possession of timber illegally cut by others in his area, and thus protect himself to a large degree.

The provision to the effect that if an exclusive license is granted, an ordinary license which may be in force over the same area, or part of it, becomes at once invalid would work a needless hardship. At present when an exclusive license is granted for a certain territory, the outstanding ordinary licenses, if any, continue until the

expiration of the time for which they were granted, thus giving licensees an opportunity to close up their work without financial loss.

The proposed amendment to section 14 of the Forest Act limiting the period of an exclusive license to ten years would, in the opinion of your committee, disastrously affect the legitimate development of business and the introduction of capital into these Islands.

Large capital must be invested in order that timber growing on any considerable tract of forest land may be cut and milled at a profit. Expensive machinery must be installed. Logging railways must be built. No good business man would incur this expense unless certain of a reasonable time in which to recoup himself and make a fair profit on his investment.

The amendment providing for a reduction of the license area if it should be found that it contains twice the timber which the licensee can take advantage of if there should be any other applicant for the area, is needless. The Director of Forestry has such authority under existing law, and exercises it when circumstances make such a course advisable.

Section 3 of the amendatory Act modifies section 15 of the Forest Act by introducing numerous detailed provisions which should, in the opinion of your committee, be covered by administrative regulations, rather than by legislation, and if enacted into law would make the process of obtaining a license unnecessarily slow and burdensome.

The provision for the appeal by any person deeming himself aggrieved by the decision of the Director of Forestry approved by the Secretary of the Interior to the Court of First Instance of his province, would, if enacted into law, impose upon such a court administrative functions. Such an arrangement seems to your committee both unprecedented and uncalled for.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 405.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 993, entitled "An Act appropriating one hundred thousand pesos for the establishment and maintenance in the city of Manila of a school of household industries" has exam-

ined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass.

It appears to your committee that this bill confers sufficient administrative authority to arrange a detailed plan by which useful household industries could be established, and if the Government can afford the money at this time it is believed that the plan is well worth trying.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and Assembly Bill No. 993 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in Committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Bureau of Public Works, the Director of Public Works being present.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported

that it had completed consideration of the proposed appropriation for the Bureau of Public Works, said appropriation to be included in the Permanent Improvement Appropriation Bill.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Sumulong,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Wednesday, January 31, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 30, 1912, was read and approved.

At this point the President left the Session Chamber and Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 176. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and ninety providing a Code of Procedure for Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 176 was read the first time by title only.

Commissioner Worcester moved that the bill be laid on the table in view of the short time remaining of the present session.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 177. An Act to amend Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," so as to require every person engaged

in any business, trade, or occupation, subject by the provisions of said Act to a license or occupation tax, to register with the provincial treasurer on the date on which he engages in such business, trade or occupation, his name, residence, name of business, trade, or occupation, and place where same is to be carried on; and to require all merchants, manufacturers, and common carriers, subject to any of the taxes imposed by article XVI of said Act, with certain exceptions, to keep regular commercial accounts, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 177 was read the first time by title only.

Commissioner Worcester moved that the bill be laid on the table in view of the short time remaining of the present session.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 178. An Act to authorize a continuing annual appropriation of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, for four years, for the University of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 178 was read the first time by title only and ordered on file for second reading.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Commission Bill No. 132, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," particularly that part relating to the Philippine Assembly, Bureau of Navigation, the Supreme Court, the Provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, and miscellaneous items.

After some consideration, the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendments:

Section 3, pages 2 and 3, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. For salary of the Speaker of the Assembly, at sixteen thousand pesos per annum; per diems of thirty pesos each during ninety days for Delegates; Secretary of the Assembly, six thousand pesos per annum: *Provided*, That when a Delegate is selected for this office he shall receive two thousand pesos per annum while holding

said office in addition to his per diems as Delegate; private secretary to the Speaker, four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; per diems of thirty pesos each for each day upon which such Committee meets to Delegates who are members of the Joint Committee of the Legislature, whose number shall be fixed by the President of the Commission and the Speaker of the Assembly, and which shall sit during the recess of the Legislature for the same purpose as the committee authorized by section ten of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for salaries and compensations of subordinate personnel, which, with the exception of the Secretary, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Assembly may be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly during the recess of the Legislature, but only to act during said recess, unless the Assembly provides otherwise; salaries and wages of officers and employees of other departments of the Government who, at the request of the Assembly or of the Speaker, and with consent of their respective chiefs shall have rendered or shall render services to the Assembly in addition to their regular duties; for such accrued leaves as may be granted to officers and employees in the office of the Secretary of the Assembly, whether their compensation be on an annual rate or on a per diem rate, in accordance with Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and twenty-two, which is hereby declared to be of retroactive effect and as of October sixteenth, nineteen hundred and seven; for traveling expenses of Delegates and per diems for traveling expenses of subordinate employees while traveling on official business; rent of buildings; furniture; equipment, including uniforms for officers, pages, and messengers of the Assembly; stationery; printing and binding; postage, cablegrams, and telegrams, including those that the Assembly or the Speaker thereof shall address to or receive from either of the two Resident Commissioners in the United States; purchase of books for the library and installation of the library; electric current and telephones; repairs to buildings and furniture; transportation of officers and employees, and transportation and carriage of property; incidental expenses; in all, four hundred and fifty thousand pesos."

Section 6, page 4, line 22, strike out the words "six clerks, Class E" and insert in lieu thereof the words "five clerks, Class E;" line 23, strike out the words "nine clerks, Class H" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ten clerks, Class H."

Change the total for the Executive Bureau to five hundred and fifty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty pesos.

Section 8, page 7, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Civil Service, at eight thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one examiner,

class one; two examiners, class three; one examiner, class four; one examiner, class five; one examiner, class six; one examiner, class seven; one examiner class eight; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class B; two clerks, Class C; three clerks Class D; two clerks, Class F; six clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; one clerk, Class I; one clerk, Class J; one messenger, Class J; one messenger at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; two messengers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; temporary employees, accrued leaves, salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands, and for contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office equipment, furniture, and books; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; care and maintenance of office buildings; rent of telephones; *Provided,* That the cost of cablegrams sent at the request of other branches of the Government shall be borne by the office making such request; in all, seventy-seven thousand pesos."

Section 9, page 20, insert before the total the following:

"All hospitals in the Philippine Islands which are established by the authority of the Philippine Government and the cost of the maintenance and operation of which is defrayed in whole or in part by appropriations or revenues of the Insular Government, shall be administered by the Bureau of Health, and the rules governing the admission of patients, the number of charity patients to be admitted, charges for hospital service and hospital administration, shall be made by the Director of Health subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, provided, that the Director of Health is hereby authorized to furnish the care of Government patients as now required of him by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, at such hospitals under the control of the Bureau of Health as he may deem to be for the best interests of the patient and of the Government: *Provided,* That the Southern Islands Hospitals at Cebu and the Sibul Springs Sanitarium shall be divisions of the Bureau of Health. The provisions of this paragraph are to be considered as permanent legislation until specifically repealed."

Amend the total of the Bureau of Health to read "one million seven hundred and thirty-four thousand pesos."

Section 11, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; chief of biological laboratory and assistant director, at ten thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of inorganic and physical chemistry and assistant to the director, at seven thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of mines, at six thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of ethnology, at six thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of

organic chemistry, at six thousand pesos per annum; three employees, class one; one employee, class two; two employees, at five thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, class three; four employees, class four; thirteen employees, class five; six employees, class six; seven employees, class seven; two employees, at three thousand pesos per annum each; two employees, class eight; two employees, class nine; six employees, class ten; one employee, Class A; three employees, Class C; one employee, Class D; five employees, at one thousand three hundred twenty pesos per annum each; three employees, Class E; one employee, Class F; three employees, at nine hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, Class H; four employees, Class I; two employees, Class J; six employees, at thirty pesos per month each; additional pay for chemist in charge of sugar-testing laboratory, Manila, authorized by Act Numbered Two thousand and eighty-four; for salaries and expenses to permit the bureau, by and with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to call to the Philippines from other countries specialists where necessary or advisable to carry on scientific investigations, or to permit the bureau, by and with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to advance salaries of specially qualified men; accrued leave; salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; temporary employees, maintenance and equipment of the sugar testing laboratory at Iloilo, and the salaries and wages of employees and operating expenses thereof; maintenance of the Bureau of Science aquarium in Manila, and the salaries and wages of employees and operating expenses thereof; and for contingent expenses, including transportation, per diems, traveling expenses, rent of city transportation, launch hire; purchase of chemicals, apparatus, supplies, small animals and feed for same; ice, distilled water, eggs, meat, milk, alcohol, coal, oil; maintenance of power plant; horses and cattle and feed for same; office supplies, photographic supplies, books, subscriptions, telephones; fire alarm boxes, cablegrams, postage, telegrams; repairs to furniture, apparatus, and equipment; laundry, printing and binding; advertising; maintenance of building; purchase and installation of museum specimens and hire of special assistants in preparing, classifying, and extending museum work and other incidental expenses; in all, three hundred sixty-one thousand six hundred ninety pesos."

Section 12, page 26, line 3, strike out the words "two foresters, at six thousand pesos per annum each" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Assistant Director of Forestry at six thousand pesos per annum; one forester at six thousand pesos per annum;" lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "two forest-nurserymen" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one forest-nurseryman;" and on page 27, lines 18 and 19, strike out the words "in all, one hundred ninety-four thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "and for the payment of the salaries and

expenses herein authorized for the Bureau of Forestry and for the maintenance of the Forestry School established by Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine there is hereby appropriated fifty per centum of the receipts from forestry products for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Section 13, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. For salaries, allowances, and commutations of quarters of officers of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, as provided for by the regulations of said service; one chief clerk, cashier, and pharmacist, at four thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one female medical inspector, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one engineer, class nine; two clerks, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum each; one clerk and disinfector, at one thousand nine hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one chief disinfector, Class A; one watchman, at one thousand four hundred and forty pesos per annum; two disinfectors, Class D; two engineers, Class F; one assistant engineer, Class F; one vaccinator and disinfector, Class F; two disinfectors, Class H; one cook, Class H; two clerks and disinfectors, Class I; two clerks and disinfectors, Class J; one mechanic, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two disinfectors' assistants, at four hundred pesos per annum each; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; fifteen attendants, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; seven employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one patron, at one thousand and eighty pesos per annum; two patrons, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one engineer, at one thousand and eighty pesos per annum; two engineers, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one assistant engineer, at seven hundred and eighty pesos per annum; one quartermaster, at five hundred and forty pesos per annum; two quartermasters, at three hundred pesos per annum each; two firemen, at five hundred and forty pesos per annum each; four firemen, at three hundred pesos per annum each; four sailors, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; six sailors, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; for temporary employees, disinfectors' assistants, and laborers assisting regular force in the disinfecting work, or handling supplies, or necessitated by the presence of quarantinable diseases; and for the payment of necessary fees, not to exceed twenty pesos per vessel to qualified physicians for quarantine inspection of vessels at ports of entry where no regular officer of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service is available; for labor for the maintenance of grounds and quarantine stations; for accrued leaves; for salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase of office furniture; official stationery; per diems, or traveling expenses of officers and employees traveling on official orders in the Philippines, from the United States, or in foreign countries;

transportation of supplies and employees to and from storehouse to vessels, from storehouse to launch and return of apparatus, and securing and forwarding supplies for the quarantine stations; vehicle and car fare for officers and employees on official business; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; purchase of apparatus, equipment, subsistence, and other supplies for the maintenance and operation of quarantine stations and of barges and launches: *Provided,* That commutation of subsistence, fuel, and ice, at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, may be paid in lieu of subsistence, fuel and ice, in kind; repairs to buildings, wharves, including material for same, and supplies, lumber, and so forth; minor repairs constantly necessary for the care and preservation of the public buildings and structures at the several quarantine stations; repairs to equipment and furniture; repairs to launches and other vessels; repairs to lighting, sewer and water systems of quarantine stations; rent, telephones and post-office boxes; hire and maintenance of official transportation, Manila and stations; launch hire and towing; uniforms for launch crews; allowance of sixty pesos per month in lieu of subsistence to the pharmacist stationed on the Island of Cauit; professional publications; incidental and emergency expenses; ice, vaccine, laundry, and other necessary supplies or services: *Provided further,* That the Bureau of Quarantine Service is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to charge for the services and supplies, including water, furnished to ships at any of the Bureau's stations at rates to be fixed by the chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, and the proceeds of such charges shall be deposited to the credit of this appropriation, and shall be available for expenditure in addition to the amounts hereinbefore appropriated; and other incidental expenses: *And provided further,* That the Bureau of Quarantine Service is hereby authorized to continue the construction work at quarantine stations, without the intervention of the Bureau of Public Works or the Consulting Architect, existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, from funds made available for permanent improvements; in all, one hundred and twenty-five thousand pesos."

Section 14, page 31, lines 24 and 25, strike out the words "purchase of office and station equipment and furniture;" and change the total for the Weather Bureau to one hundred and thirty-three thousand nine hundred pesos.

Section 15, page 33, lines 15 and 16, strike out the words "forty-seven captains, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each" and insert in lieu thereof the words "forty-seven captains, at an average of three thousand four hundred pesos per annum each;" lines 16 and 17, strike out the words "sixty first lieutenants at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each" and insert in lieu thereof the words "sixty first lieutenants at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each;" lines 17 and 18, strike out the

words "one hundred and seventy second lieutenants at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and seventy second lieutenants at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each;" lines 19 to 21, strike out the words "*Provided*, That no officer of this grade shall receive more than two thousand four hundred pesos per annum until he shall have completed two years' continuous and satisfactory service" and insert in lieu thereof the words "*Provided*, That the grade of Third Lieutenant be hereby abolished and that the present Third Lieutenants shall be promoted without the necessity of examination to second lieutenants and shall in every respect have the consideration, rank and privileges of second lieutenants in the same manner as if they had been promoted by means of regular examinations, the provisions of section one, Act Numbered Five hundred and sixty-eight to the contrary notwithstanding.

"*And provided further*, That no person whose appointment is subject to the authority of the Director of Constabulary shall receive an original appointment to a higher grade on entering the service than that of Second Lieutenant, the provisions of section three, Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and sixty-seven to the contrary notwithstanding."

Same section, page 36, amend the paragraph under heading "medical division" to read as follows:

"One lieutenant-colonel and superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum; five captains and surgeons, at four thousand pesos per annum each; five first lieutenants and medical inspectors, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; six second lieutenants and medical inspectors, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; ten sergeants, at thirty-three pesos per month each; fifteen corporals, at twenty-eight pesos per month each; seventy-five privates, at eighteen pesos per month each; one clerk, Class G;" page 37, under the heading "Constabulary School" strike out in line 15 the words "two thousand eight hundred pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two thousand four hundred pesos;" and change the total for the Bureau of Constabulary to two million six hundred thousand pesos.

Section 16 (Bureau of Public Works), strike out in its entirety and change subsequent section numbers accordingly.

Section 17, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Director:

"Director of Navigation, at ten thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Navigation, at six thousand five hundred pesos per annum, who shall perform the duties of Superintendent of Interisland Transportation: *Provided*, That so long as the division of port works remains a part of this Bureau the salary of the Director of Navigation shall be at the rate of twelve thousand pesos per annum, and

that of the Assistant Director of Navigation at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; Second Assistant Director of Navigation, at six thousand pesos per annum; a per diem allowance of twelve pesos for the medical officer detailed from the United States Army as medical inspector: *Provided,* That in the event of a civilian being appointed medical inspector, the salary will be five thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class four; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class H; two employees, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; two messengers, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Division of accounts:

"One cashier, class six; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class I; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Division of vessels:

"Marine superintendent, at five thousand pesos per annum; one inspector of machinery, class one; one property clerk, class five; two clerks, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one clerk, Class H; one storekeeper, class nine; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; for the compensation of officers, petty officers, and crews of cableship, cutters, and launches: *Provided,* That a ten per centum increase in salaries may be paid to officers and crew on the cutter assigned to duty transporting lepers to Culion; cargadores, subsistence of fleet: *Provided,* That the officers assigned to duty aboard the cableship 'Rizal' and the cutters to be designated by the Director of Navigation as subject primarily to emergency service requirements shall be allowed three pesos per diem each for subsistence: *Provided, further,* That funds herein appropriated may be used for subsistence and aid of shipwrecked sailors or other persons in distress, as demanded by the laws of humanity and the customs of maritime nations, and for subsistence of postal clerks while on duty on vessels of the Bureau of Navigation.

"Interisland transportation:

"One clerk, class seven; two clerks, class nine; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Miscellaneous:

"For temporary employees; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office furniture and equipment; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; maintenance of Engineer Island; purchase and construction of minor water craft; salvage of wrecks and disabled vessels; purchase of coal and supplies; repairs to vessels; pilotage, and other incidental expenses: *Provided,* That the funds appropriated under this head shall be available for the purchase

of medals and other rewards when authorized by resolution of the Philippine Legislature for officers and employees of the Bureau who display special bravery or render distinguished service in saving life and property.

"Light-house division:

"*Office of the light-house engineer*: For salaries and wages of light-house engineer, class one: *Provided,* That during the time that this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army and Navy said officer shall receive per diems of ten pesos in lieu of the salary of the position; assistant light-house engineer, class four: *Provided,* That during the time that this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army or Navy said officer shall receive per diems of five pesos in lieu of the salary of the position; one clerk, class six; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class J; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one draftsman, class seven; pay of junior draftsman; pay of mechanics and laborers in the light-house machine shop; temporary employees; accrued leaves; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"*Office of the light-house inspector*: For salaries and wages of light-house inspector, class four: *Provided,* That during the time this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army or Navy said officer shall receive per diems of ten pesos in lieu of the salary of the position; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, Class A; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one chief of light keepers, at one thousand four hundred and forty pesos per annum; six light keepers, at nine hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; eighteen light keepers, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; twenty-one light keepers, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; twenty-nine light keepers, at six hundred pesos per annum each; eighty-one light keepers, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; twenty first-class apprentices, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; ten second-class apprentices, at one hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; pay of keepers of lesser classes, laborers, and boatmen; purchase of rations for employees at Ambolon, Apo Reef, Cape Engaño, La Monja, Mataja, Ocata, San Bernardino, San Miguel, Sialat Point, Suluan, Tanguingui, Ungay Point, and such other light stations as it may, in the opinion of the Director of Navigation, be necessary to ration, and for newly-appointed keepers and apprentices; temporary employees; accrued leaves; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office furniture and equipment; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu

thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; necessary repairs to light stations now in operation, including subsistence, local transportation, and so forth, to preserve public property and to avoid future extensive repairs; illuminating oil for light stations; supplies for light stations, including tools and instruments, paints; cleaning materials, and so forth; furniture and implement cases for light stations; house rent for keepers not provided with dwellings; repair, maintenance, and up-keep of buoys now in position; and other incidental expenses, including pay of watchmen, up-keep of semaphore tower on Engineer Island, and so forth.

"Division of port works:

"One chief of division, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class five; one cost clerk, class seven; one stenographer, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one time clerk, at one thousand pesos per annum; one messenger, Class J; two assistant engineers, class one; one assistant engineer, class three; one assistant engineer, class four; three assistant engineers, class five; two assistant engineers, class six; two surveyors, class six; one transitman, at three thousand pesos per annum; one computer, at three thousand pesos per annum; three overseers, class seven; two dredge overseers, class seven; two dredge overseers, class eight; three inspectors, class nine; one assistant transitman, class nine; two hydrographers, at two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; one draftsman, Class D; one junior draftsman, Class F; one junior draftsman, Class H; two dredge captains, Class D; four dredge engineers, at nine hundred pesos per annum each; four dredge engineers, Class J; two dredge levermen, Class I; for the hire of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labor and such other employees as may be necessary; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees on official business; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; purchase of supplies and material; maintenance, renewals and repairs to plant and the construction of such additional appliances as may be necessary to economically operate the present plant; harbor investigations; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; for maintaining and operating a combination dredge and snag boat on the Cagayan River, Luzon; maintenance and repair of existing port improvements and the removal of obstructions to navigation; and other incidental expenses.

"With the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, funds hereby appropriated for one division of the Bureau of Navigation may be transferred to either or both of the other divisions.

"Subject to approval by the Governor-General, work may be

executed by the division of port works for private parties, the total expenses thereof to be collected and deposited to the credit of appropriation for current expenses of the division of port works and become available therefor.

"In all, one million five hundred and thirty-three thousand pesos."

Section 18, change the total for the Bureau of Posts to six hundred and sixty thousand pesos.

Section 19, change the total for the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey to two hundred and fifteen thousand pesos.

Section 20, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Labor, at seven thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at four thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class C; four clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; two clerks, Class I; four clerks, Class J; messengers and temporary employees; accrued leaves; purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems, or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; care and maintenance of office building; building rents; rent of telephones; transportation of emigrant laborers, and other incidental expenses; in all, fifty-seven thousand pesos."

Section 22, change the total for the Office of the Supervising Railway Expert to twenty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty pesos.

Section 23, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Attorney-General, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Solicitor-General, at ten thousand pesos per annum; Assistant-Attorney-General, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one assistant attorney, at six thousand pesos per annum; one assistant attorney, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum; two assistant attorneys, at five thousand pesos per annum; two assistant attorneys, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; two assistant attorneys, at four thousand pesos per annum each; two assistant attorneys, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; chief clerk, at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class five; five employees, class seven; two employees, class ten; one employee, Class A; two employees, Class B; one employee, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two employees, Class D; one employee, Class E; one employee, Class G; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one head janitor, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; one

janitor, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; two janitors at one hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; hire of emergency employees, under approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice; accrued leaves of absence; for contingent expenses, including the purchase of office furniture and repairs; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; rent and care of buildings, and other incidental expenses; in all, one hundred and forty thousand pesos."

Section 24, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Insular Collector of Customs:

"Insular Collector of Customs, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one special commissioner, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one special agent, class three; one special agent, class five; one law clerk, class five; one translator, class six; one clerk, class seven.

"Cashier's division:

"Cashier, class one; one clerk, class four; one teller, class six; one clerk, class eight; one assistant teller, class nine; one clerk, class ten; three clerks, Class C; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H; three clerks, Class I; one clerk, Class J; one clerk, Class K; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Board of protests and appeals:

"One clerk, class five; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J.

"Revenue-cutter section:

"Two captains, class nine; two mates, Class D; two engineers, Class C, with commutation of rations at two pesos per diem each; two assistant engineers, at thirty-five pesos per month each; four quartermasters, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two stewards, at thirty pesos per month each; six firemen, at twenty-two pesos per month each; eight sailors, at twenty pesos per month each, with commutation of rations at forty centavos per diem each.

"Interior ports:

"Coast district inspector of customs, class eight; one clerk, Class J.

"Office of the Insular Deputy Collector of Customs:

"Insular Deputy Collector of Customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, class six; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month.

"Marine division:

"Deputy Collector, class three; two clerks, class six; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class ten; one clerk, Class A; three clerks,

Class D; one clerk, Class F; two clerks, Class I; two clerks, Class K; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Appraiser's division:

"Appraiser of the port, class one; assistant appraiser of the port, class three; two assistant appraisers, class four; two assistant appraisers, class five; five examiners, class six; five examiners, class seven; ten examiners, class eight; seven examiners, class nine; one stenographer, class seven; two examiners, Class D; two examiners, Class E; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J; three clerks, Class K; three employees, at twenty pesos per month each; two messengers, at fifteen pesos per month each; one weigher, Class H; eight weighers, Class J.

"Liquidation division:

"Chief of division, class five; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class ten; three liquidators, Class D; one liquidator, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, at twenty pesos per month; one messenger, at fifteen pesos per month.

"Passenger and baggage division:

"Chief of division, class five; one inspector, class eight; three inspectors, class ten; one inspector, Class D; one inspector, Class H; two employees, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Office of the Insular Special Deputy Collector of Customs:

"Insular Special Deputy Collector of Customs, at seven thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, Class I.

"Immigration division:

"Chief of division, class three; one inspector, class six; one inspector, class seven; one stenographer, class seven; two inspectors, class eight; one inspector, class nine; two Chinese interpreters, Class D; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H; one employee at thirty pesos per month; one employee, at twenty-five pesos per month; two employees, at twenty pesos per month each; one messenger, at fifteen pesos per month.

"License division:

"Chief of division, class six; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H.

"Hull and boiler division:

"One supervising inspector, class two; one boiler inspector, class five; one hull inspector, class six; one boiler inspector, class six; one hull and boiler inspector, class six; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class I.

"Office of the surveyor of the port:

"Surveyor of the port, at eight thousand pesos per annum; two clerks, class seven; one clerk, Class E; one harbor-master, class

four; two bay and river guards, Class H; one bay and river guard, Class I; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month.

"Semaphore section:

"One superintendent, at one thousand two hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one assistant superintendent, Class G; three messengers, at thirty-two pesos per month each.

"Inspectors' division:

"Deputy surveyor, class four; one inspector, class six; one inspector, class seven; one inspector, class eight; two inspectors, class nine; one inspector, class ten; twelve inspectors, Class A; one inspector, Class B; one inspector, Class C; two inspectors, Class D; three inspectors, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; twenty guards, Class I; eighty guards, Class J.

"Office of the chief clerk:

"Chief clerk, class one; one stenographer, class eight.

"Correspondence and record division:

"Chief of division, class five; assistant chief of division, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; four clerks, Class H; three clerks, Class I; three clerks, Class J; one employee, at forty pesos per month; one employee, at thirty pesos per month; two messengers, at thirty pesos per month each; two messengers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two messengers, at twenty pesos per month each; four messengers, at fifteen pesos per month each.

"Statistical division:

"Chief of division, class five; one clerk, class six; one clerk, class eight; three clerks, class nine; one clerk, class ten; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class B; two clerks, Class C; two clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class F; two clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; four clerks, Class I.

"Property section:

"Property clerk, class six; one clerk, Class G; one employee, at forty pesos per month; two employees, at thirty pesos per month each; two cocheros, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Harbor launch division:

"One launch foreman, class eight; one assistant launch foreman, Class C; one patron, Class D; five patrons, Class F; one patron, Class K; one engineer, Class E; five engineers, Class F; one engineer, Class H; two engineers, Class I; two assistant engineers, Class I; one engineer, Class J; twelve firemen, at four hundred pesos per annum each; five quartermasters, at twenty-five pesos per month each; twenty sailors, at twenty pesos per month each; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Superintendent of the building section:

"One chief night watchman, at nine hundred pesos per annum; four night watchmen, Class H; two night watchmen, Class I; one laborer, Class H; one telephone operator, Class H; one chief janitor, Class H; thirteen janitors, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Iloilo custom-house:

"Collector of Customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; deputy collector of customs, class five; surveyor of customs, class six; one clerk, class six; one appraiser, class seven; two clerks, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one inspector, class ten; one inspector, Class A; two clerks, Class D; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class I; five guards, Class I; fifteen guards, Class J; for emergency guard, one thousand two hundred pesos; one clerk at twenty pesos per month; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month; two messengers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two lookouts, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two laborers, at fifteen pesos per month each; one laborer, at twenty-five pesos per month; one emergency guard, at thirty pesos per month; one engineer, Class G; one patron, Class H; one fireman, Class J; one sailor, Class J; two sailors, at twenty pesos per month each; one assistant engineer, at twenty pesos per month; one fireman, at twenty pesos per month.

"Cebu custom-house:

"Collector of customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; deputy collector of customs, class five; surveyor of customs, class six; one appraiser, class six; one clerk, class six; one clerk, class seven; two clerks, class eight; two inspectors, class ten; one inspector, Class A; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class F; one harbor policeman, Class G; one clerk, Class H; three employees, Class H; five guards, Class I; fifteen guards, Class J; one employee, at thirty pesos per month; one employee, at twenty pesos per month; not exceeding one thousand two hundred pesos for emergency guards; one temporary employee, at forty pesos per month; two temporary employees, at twenty pesos per month each; one patron, Class G; one engineer, Class G; two firemen, Class J; three sailors, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Balabac custom-house:

"Deputy collector of customs, class six; one clerk, Class D; three boatmen, at fifteen pesos per month each.

"Miscellaneous:

"For a fund to be expended in the discretion of the Insular Collector of Customs for pay of secret agents while employed in apprehending violators of the customs, immigration, and revenue laws, payment of rewards for information in customs and immigration cases; accrued leaves, and hire of temporary employees.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office furniture, apparatus, fixtures, and supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business, and, in the discretion of the Insular Collector of Customs, of officers and employees temporarily on duty at places other than their regular stations; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams, printing and binding; expenses of harbor launches and customs cutters, including fuel, emergency rations, supplies, repairs, alterations, and other incidental purposes: *Provided,* That minor and emergency repairs may be made at the nearest available point without the intervention of the Bureau of Navigation; clothing allowances of three uniforms, three hats, and three neckerchiefs per annum for each petty officer and member of crew of said launches and cutters; rent of custom-house, port of Cebu; deportation of Chinese who fail to comply with the provisions of Act Numbered Seven hundred and two; subsistence of customs officials while on duty on board United States Army and Navy vessels; per diems for expert testimony of merchants and services of marine officers or other persons appointed on marine examination and other boards; hire and maintenance of land transportation; removal of wrecks which obstruct the navigable waters of the Archipelago; hire of coolies for handling supplies; electric light; fuel; ice; laundry; subscriptions; telephone service, and miscellaneous court fees; for the relief in, and return from foreign ports to the Philippine Islands of destitute Filipino seamen and other incidental expenses: *Provided,* That the expenditures on account of the customs service in the Moro Province shall be made under the general authority of the Insular Collector of Customs, as provided by section thirty-four of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety-two, but appropriations therefor shall be made from the funds of the Moro Province by the legislative council thereof, in accordance with the requirements of said service as indicated by the Insular Collector of Customs, upon the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice: *And provided further,* That the cost and maintenance of customs cutters and other vessels detailed for patrol duty in the Moro Province may be borne in whole or in part by the appropriation for the Bureau of Customs: *And provided further,* That the Bureau of Customs is authorized to charge for services and supplies furnished to any other branch of the Government or other persons, and that the collections resulting from such charges, and the net proceeds of all receipts except for export, import, wharfage, and immigration dues, coastwise license fees, and customs-revenue stamps, shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation for that Bureau and be available for expenditure in addition to the amounts hereby specifically appropriated to the Bureau of Customs; in all, seven hundred and sixty thousand pesos."

Section 25, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 24. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Collector of Internal Revenue, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at six thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class four; one law clerk, class three; one cashier, class three; three chiefs of division, class four; six chiefs of division, class five; four clerks, class six; four clerks, class seven; nine clerks, class eight, three clerks, class nine; three clerks, class ten; four clerks, Class A; one clerk, Class B; two clerks, Class C; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; seventeen clerks, Class D; thirteen clerks, Class E; sixteen clerks, Class F; twenty-one clerks, Class G; twelve clerks, Class H; fifty-two clerks, Class I; twenty-two clerks, Class J; seven clerks, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; twenty-five clerks, at three hundred pesos per annum each; six clerks, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; two messengers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one agent-at-large, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; six agents, at four thousand pesos per annum each; nine agents, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; fourteen agents, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; three agents, at three thousand pesos per annum each; twelve agents at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; nineteen agents, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; one watchman, at fifty pesos per month; one janitor, at forty pesos per month; ten laborers, at seventy centavos per day each; temporary employees engaged in stamping and numbering internal-revenue stamps, licenses, cedulas and so forth, indexing cedula records, banqueros, launch employees, and so forth; temporary storekeepers, at not to exceed seventy pesos per month each; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; bond premiums; printing and binding; janitor's supplies; gauging instruments; riding equipment for agents; telephones; maintenance and repair of launches: *Provided*, That minor and emergency repairs may be made without the intervention of the Bureau of Navigation, at the nearest available point when vessels are away from Manila; forage; allowances of twenty pesos per month each to agents in the provinces for each authorized horse furnished and maintained by said agents for official transportation: *Provided*, That the Collector of Internal

Revenue is hereby authorized, with the prior approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, to advance from this appropriation to agents not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five pesos for the purchase of each native horse or four hundred pesos for the purchase of each Australian horse required for transportation, such advance to be reimbursed to the Government by monthly deductions of ten per centum in case of the purchase of a native horse and twenty per centum in case of the purchase of an Australian horse from the agents' salaries; a special fund to be expended in the discretion of the Collector of Internal Revenue for expenses incident to the detection and punishment of violators of the internal-revenue law, six thousand pesos; newspapers, magazines, periodicals, washing, and other incidental expenses; in all, five hundred and seventy-two thousand pesos."

Section 26, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Insular Treasurer, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Insular Treasurer, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; chief of division of banks and currency, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one paying teller, class one, one receiving teller, class two; one chief clerk, class three; two clerks, class five; six clerks, class six; three clerks, class seven; two clerks, class eight; three clerks, class nine; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class D; two clerks, Class F; one clerk, Class G; two clerks, Class H; two clerks, Class I; two clerks, Class J; one special messenger, at six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two messengers, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; three watchmen, at one hundred and fifty pesos per month each, and three guards, at sixty pesos per month each; temporary employees: accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; maintenance of offices; bond premiums of officials and employees; insurance on funds, and other incidental expenses; in all, one hundred and twenty-three thousand pesos."

Section 27, page 72, line 3, strike out the words "Assistant Director, at nine thousand pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Assistant Director, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum;" lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "Second Assistant Director, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Second Assistant Director, at six thousand five hundred pesos per annum;" line 5, strike out the words

"one employee, class one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one employee, class three."

Change the total for the Bureau of Education to three million six hundred and ten thousand pesos.

Section 28, page 76, lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "second Assistant Director, at six thousand pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Assistant to the Director, at five thousand pesos per annum;" line 9, strike out the words "veterinarian, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "veterinarian, at five thousand pesos per annum;" lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "one supervising veterinarian, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one supervising veterinarian, at five thousand pesos per annum;" lines 11 and 12, strike out the words "one chief, division of animal husbandry, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one chief, division of animal husbandry, at five thousand pesos per annum."

Section 29, amend the paragraph under the heading "Office of the Director" to read as follows:

"Director of Prisons, at ten thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Prisons, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum: *Provided, however,* That while occupying quarters in Bilibid Prison the Director and Assistant Director shall reimburse the Bureau of Prisons for the use of such quarters and servants as may be allowed by the Secretary of Public Instruction at the rate of two hundred pesos and one hundred and twenty-five pesos, respectively, per month; Second Assistant Director of Prisons, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, class eight."

Change the total for the Bureau of Prisons to five hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and seventy-eight pesos.

Section 30, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 29. For salaries, wages, and other expenses as follows: One Librarian, at six thousand pesos per annum; one superintendent and librarian, at three thousand pesos per annum; one curator, at three thousand pesos per annum; one cataloguer, class 8; one assistant librarian, class 8; one library assistant, class 9; one assistant librarian, Class D; one assistant cataloguer, Class D; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, at one thousand pesos per annum; one property clerk, Class I; four clerks, Class J; three clerks, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; two employees, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; five employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each; six employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; and for contingent expenses, including maintenance of building, electric current, janitor service, water, ice, water consumption, telephones, repairs and alterations to building, repair of library and

office equipment, subscription to periodicals and serials, membership in learned societies, binding and printing, postage and telegrams, transportation of books and library materials, traveling expenses of officials in the Philippine Islands, and between the United States and the Philippine Islands, accrued leaves, per diems of officers and employees traveling on official business, all other temporary and emergency employees, carfare, carromata hire, and other expenses authorized by the Philippine Library Board; in all, fifty-seven thousand five hundred and sixty pesos."

Section 31, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 30. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Supreme Court:

"Chief Justice, at twenty thousand pesos per annum; six associate justices, at twenty thousand pesos per annum each; clerk of the court, at six thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at four thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class five; four employees, class six; two employees, class seven; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class B; one employee, Class C; two employees, Class D; one employee, Class E; one employee, at one thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class F; four employees, Class H; two employees, Class I; three employees, Class J; five employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Reporter of the Supreme Court:

"Reporter of the Supreme Court, at seven thousand pesos per annum; three employees, class six; two employees, class seven; one employee, class eight; two employees, class ten; two employees, Class A; two employees, Class D; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Manila:

"Three judges, at eleven thousand pesos per annum each; clerk at four thousand pesos per annum; one assistant clerk, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; three deputy clerks, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, class seven; one employee, class eight; two employees, class nine; one employee, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class E; ten employees, Class H; six employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, First District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, Class C; one clerk, Cagayan, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Isabela, at one thousand four hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Second District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Ilocos Norte, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Ilocos Sur, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class C; one employee, Class D; two employees, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum each; two employees, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum each; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Third District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Pangasinan, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Zambales, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Fourth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class H; one clerk, Nueva Ecija, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Pampanga, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Tarlac, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; three employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fifth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Bulacan, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Rizal at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, at one thousand one hundred and forty pesos per annum; one employee, Class G; one employee, Class H; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Sixth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Bataan, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Cavite, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, La Laguna, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class C; two employees, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum each; two employees, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum each; one employee, Class H; three employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Seventh District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Batangas and Mindoro, at two thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Tayabas

and Marinduque, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; three deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one deputy clerk, at five hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; one employee, Class J; four employees at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Eighth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Albay, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Ambos Camarines, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one employee, Class I; one employee, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum; one employee, Class J; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Ninth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Iloilo at two thousand and four hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class J; one employee, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Tenth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, at three thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Antique, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Occidental Negros, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum; one employee, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum; one employee, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Eleventh District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one clerk, Cebu, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class D; one employee, Class G; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class I; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Twelfth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; two employees, Class A; one clerk, Leyte, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Samar, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Thirteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class D; one clerk, Misamis, at one thousand eight

hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Surigao, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, district of Lanao, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, subdistrict of Dapitan, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; four employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fourteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Fourteenth District, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one deputy clerk, Zamboanga, at eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Jolo, at six hundred pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one deputy clerk, at four hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fifteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class C; one clerk, Capiz, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Sorsogon, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Romblon, at one thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Masbate, at eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Palawan, at six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; one employee, Class J; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; three employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Sixteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Bohol, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Oriental Negros, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Southern Leyte, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; one employee, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two employees at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Mountain District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Mountain Province, and Nueva Vizcaya, at two thousand pesos per annum; one stenographer and interpreter, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, La Union, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Baguio, at one thousand pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one employee, Class J; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; clerical, interpreting, and translating assistants to the fiscal of the Mountain Province and Nueva Vizcaya, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum.

"Judges of First Instance and employees at large:

"Four judges, at nine thousand pesos per annum each; one employee, class six; two employees, class eight; two employees, class nine; four employees, at nine hundred pesos per annum.

"Court of Land Registration:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; four associate judges, at nine thousand pesos per annum each; clerk of court, at five thousand pesos per annum; assistant clerk, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one chief surveyor, at four thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; three employees, class seven; one employee, at three thousand pesos per annum; five employees, class eight; six employees, class nine; six employees, Class A; three employees, Class C; fourteen employees, Class D; three employees, Class E; seven employees, Class F; four employees, Class G; eight employees, Class H; four employees, Class I; seventeen employees, Class J; eighteen employees, Class K; two employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Justice of the peace courts:

"Two justices of the peace for the cities of Iloilo and Cebu, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each as provided by the provisions of Acts Numbered Seventeen hundred and forty-one and Two thousand and forty-one; ten justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Albay, Ambos Camarines, Batangas, Bulacan, Ilocos Sur, Leyte, Occidental Negros, Pampanga, Pangasinan, and Tayabas, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; eight justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Cagayan, Capiz, Cavite, Ilocos Norte, La Laguna, Rizal, Samar, and Sorsogon, at one thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; eleven justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Antique, Bataan, Bohol, Isabela, Misamis, Oriental Negros, Nueva Ecija, Surigao, Tarlac, La Union, and Zambales, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; thirteen justices of the peace in first-class municipalities, at nine hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; forty-two justices of the peace in second-class municipalities, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one hundred and seventy-eight justices of the peace in third-class municipalities, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; four hundred and thirty-nine justices of the peace in fourth-class municipalities, at six hundred pesos per annum each; nine justices of the peace in municipalities in the Province of Mindoro, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one justice of the peace in Tagudin, subprovince of Amburayan, Mountain Province, at six hundred pesos per annum.

"Miscellaneous:

"For the hire of special interpreters and other emergency employees under approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice;

accrued leaves of absence; salaries for such positions of justice of the peace as may be brought into existence prior to the end of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen through the creation of new municipalities.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office equipment, furniture, and supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; all per diems of judges of the Courts of First Instance and of the Court of Land Registration; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies, including the traveling expenses of Justices of the peace as provided by section thirty-three of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven; expenses incurred in connection with the holding of justice of the peace examinations as provided for in section nine of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; expenses incurred under section ten of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and seventy-six, and the per diems of clerks of court under section five of said Act, being hereby authorized, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; payment of rent for the quarters occupied by the Court of Land Registration in the city of Manila; advertising not otherwise provided for; payment of reasonable charges authorized by the Attorney-General for chemical or medical examinations when in his opinion the provisions of section fifteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and eighty-seven and sections thirty-seven and forty-one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven are insufficient to secure the proper administration of justice, or for other technical or professional services necessarily incident to criminal proceedings conducted in Courts of First Instance or of justices of the peace; payment to witnesses summoned to testify in Courts of First Instance on behalf of the Government of such fees, traveling expenses, and other allowances as may be authorized by law; and other incidental expenses: *Provided,* That the judiciary appropriation shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Executive Bureau at the rate of twelve thousand pesos per annum for services rendered by the Reporter of the Supreme Court in editing and publishing the Official Gazette and compiling the laws of the Philippine Legislature: *And provided further,* That the Bureau of Justice shall be charged with the disbursement of appropriations for the judiciary, and the cost of supplies and traveling expenses of justices of the peace shall be a charge against said appropriations, until otherwise provided by law; in all, one million one hundred and eighty thousand six hundred pesos."

Section 33, page 92, lines 26 and 27, strike out the words "provincial governor, at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial governor, whose

salary is hereby fixed at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum as of July thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ten."

Section 34, page 93, lines 23 and 24, strike out the words "provincial governor, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial governor, at four thousand pesos per annum."

Change the total for the Province of Batanes to seventeen thousand nine hundred pesos.

Section 39, page 95, lines 15 and 16, strike out the word "Federal" before the word "courts."

Section 40, strike out in its entirety.

Change the total of the bill to eighteen million three hundred and two thousand two hundred and thirty-six pesos.

Section 46, strike out in its entirety.

Insert new section to follow present section forty-seven to read as follows:

"SEC. 45. In the event of failure on the part of the Legislature to make provision for the current expenses of the Bureau of Public Works in the Public Works Bill providing for permanent improvements for the ensuing year, then, and in that case, the same appropriation which was made for the Bureau of Public Works in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine shall be held to be reënacted effective for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

Renumber sections as may be necessary.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

At this point Commissioners Elliott and Sumulong left the Session Chamber to attend the meeting of the conference committee on Assembly Bill No. 611, the Irrigation Bill.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 406.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was recommitted on January 30, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 655, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled 'An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes,' for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers

of the said Banco Español-Filipino," has again examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following further amendment:

Insert the following paragraphs as part of Article V:

"18. Acting as trustee on any mortgage or bond issued by any municipality, body politic, or corporation, and accepting and executing any other municipal or corporate trust not inconsistent with law.

"19. Acting under the order or appointment of any court of record as guardian, receiver, trustee, or depository of the estate of any minor, insane person, idiot, habitual drunkard, or other incompetent or irresponsible person, and as receiver and depository of any moneys paid into court by parties to any legal proceedings and of property of any kind which may be brought under the jurisdiction of the court by proper legal proceedings.

"20. Acting as the executor of any last will or testament when it is named in the last will and testament as the executor thereof.

"21. Acting under appointment of a court of competent jurisdiction as administrator of the estate of any deceased person, with the will annexed, or as administrator of the estate of any deceased person when there is no will and when in either case there is no person qualified, competent, willing, able, and entitled to accept such administration.

"22. Acting as agent for the purpose of issuing or countersigning the bond or obligations of any corporation, association, municipality or other public authority, and receiving and managing any sinking fund on such terms as may be agreed upon.

"23. Accepting and executing any legal trust confided to it by any court of record or by any person or corporation for the holding, management, and administration of any estate, real or personal, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof.

"No bond or other security shall be required from the bank for the faithful performance of its duties as trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, receiver, or depositor, and the capital of the bank shall be security for the faithful performance of all the trust duties of the same: *Provided, however,* That claims on the bank as executor of the will of any deceased person or as administrator with or without the will annexed of any deceased person or as guardian, receiver, trustee or depository under and by virtue of an order or appointment of any court shall have priority over all other claims except as provided in Article XXV of this Act.

"The authority conferred upon the Bank under paragraphs 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of this Article shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Philippine Legislature; and the bank shall keep separate books and accounts for the transactions had and money received under said paragraphs; and the money so received shall be kept separate and distinct from the capital of the Bank

and shall not be counted as a part of the legal reserve which the Bank is required to have under Article XXXI."

Insert the following between Articles VII and XXXI:

"ARTICLE XV.

"The bank may order the sale of collateral security in its custody, consisting of securities or merchandise, or any other thing, three days after having called upon the debtor, by written notice, to increase the amount of such security, if in the meantime he has failed to comply with such request, or after the maturity of a loan if the loan has not been paid. These sales may be made at private sale with the written consent of the debtor, or at public auction, with the assistance of a notary or exchange agent or broker, and without the requirement of any judicial order or process; and in order to avoid delay or difficulty in the disposal of such collateral security, and that the bank may accomplish the sale without interference on the part of the debtor, it shall set forth in the note or evidence of indebtedness that the collateral security given is to be considered as transferred to the bank without any further formality by the fact of delivery, under the conditions set forth therein.

"All such securities registered in the name of the owner shall be transferred in due form to the bank, which shall issue therefor a receipt setting forth the terms of the delivery and the purposes for which such transfer has been made.

"If the proceeds of the sale of such securities do not cover the full amount of the loan, together with interest and other charges thereon, the bank may proceed against the debtor for the difference, but any amount exceeding the full indebtedness to the bank shall be paid over to the debtor.

"Parties obtaining loans on bills of lading must increase the amount of security with the bank whenever a fall of ten per centum takes place in the market value of the merchandise, and if upon maturity of the loan the amount has not been paid, or the vessel has not arrived with the merchandise constituting such security, the bank may, at its option, proceed against the debtor, or await the arrival of the vessel, in order to make a sale of such merchandise, with the understanding that if the bank shall elect the former remedy, such action shall not impair the right of the bank to proceed against the security itself at such time and in such manner as it may deem proper."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received, and the Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Assembly Bill No. 655.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendments proposed by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice in Committee Reports Nos. 369 and 406 be concurred in.

That the bill be further amended as follows:

Insert the following new paragraphs in Article XLIV:

"4. To prepare confidential lists of the firms and corporations to which it considers discounts may properly be accorded, fixing the amount of credit to be extended to each.

"10. To elect the secretary and cashiers of the bank," renumbering paragraphs accordingly.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes," for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 1005), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the sale of the lands known as the San Lazaro Estate to the present tenants thereof.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1005 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 26, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 26, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 837, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 837 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 142, entitled "An Act to repeal section three of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-five entitled 'An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the purchase and preparation of land for cattle quarantine stations in the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, and making provision for the reimbursement of the Insular Treasury for the said amount with the proceeds of the sale of the Singalong experimental station,

Malate, Manila,' and directing the Director of Agriculture to take charge of that part of the Singalong experimental station not already sold."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 30, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 866, entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Insular Treasurer, in representation of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to bring suit to recover, and at the proper time, receive and receipt for funds belonging to the subscription opened for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to distribute said funds in accordance with the allotments made by the central relief board appointed at that time, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 30, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 833, entitled "An Act providing that deputy fiscals in the provinces organized under The Provincial Government Act shall be exempt from civil-service examination if they are lawyers."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 407.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 615, entitled "An Act providing that credit be allowed for imprisonment while awaiting trial and sentence,"

has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

A bill similar to the present one was passed by the Assembly at the second session of the First Philippine Legislature, and was by the Commission referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction. This committee reported recommending that the bill be laid on the table, which report was unanimously adopted by the Commission. For the reasons set out in said report on page 460 of the Journal of the Philippine Commission, second session First Philippine Legislature, to which reference is made, your committee is of the opinion that similar action should be taken with reference to the present bill.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 408.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 17, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 953, entitled "An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the measures which should be adopted to combat it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass in its amended form attached hereto.

The bill as drafted provides that one of the members of the committee shall be elected as its secretary. It further provides that the Director of Health shall furnish such subordinate personnel, stationery, and offices as may be necessary for the committee. The office force of the Bureau of Health is burdened with work and it would seem that a committee of this sort would require fairly constant clerical assistance and should have a secretary who is at the same time a stenographer and typewriter.

Paragraph (*d*) of the original draft in Spanish, on page 2, proves to have been mistranslated. The original bill provides that at least one member of the committee must have practiced his profession in the provinces for three or more years. This provision does not seem to your committee wise for the reason that it is

desirable to secure the ablest physicians available for this important work, and it may be that such men have confined their practice to the city of Manila.

The Secretary of the Interior will very gladly instruct the Director of Health to furnish this committee, themselves or through their subordinates, all possible aid. The provision that the Director of Health, personally or through physicians subject to his office, shall render such aid as might be required by the committee, might lead to complications by the committee calling for such aid at inopportune times when the Director of Health or the physicians subject to his office are engaged in important work which could not for the moment be abandoned.

The accompanying draft of bill contains the amendments suggested.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The following is the form in which the bill is recommended by the committee:

An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the measures which should be adopted to combat it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. A committee of three members, to be appointed by the Governor-General with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, is hereby created for the purpose of investigating the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the methods which should be adopted to combat it. The committee shall be immediately organized and elect a chairman from among its members, and each member shall receive as compensation twenty pesos for each day of session actually attended by him: *Provided, however,* That if a Government officer is appointed on said committee he shall not receive the per diems provided for by this Act.

SEC. 2. To be appointed a member of this committee it shall be necessary:

(*a*) To be a citizen of the Philippines or of the United States;

(*b*) To be a doctor or licentiate of medicine and surgery of some properly accredited medical college;

(*c*) To have practiced the medical profession in the Philippines for five years at least or have been employed during the same time in the Bureau of Health, Medical School, or Bureau of Science.

SEC. 3. The committee is hereby authorized to employ a secretary who shall be a typewriter and stenographer. The Director of Health shall furnish such additional subordinate personnel, stationery, and offices as may be necessary for the committee hereby created. The committee shall present to the Third Legislature, on or before its first regular session, a detailed report of its work and of its conclusions and recommendations in connection therewith. On the same date the committee shall dissolve and be relieved of its functions.

SEC. 4. The sum of ten thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the per diems and any other necessary expenses for carrying out the purpose of this Act.

The report was accepted and Assembly Bill No. 953 was read the second time, and, together with the report of the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following further amendment:

Strike out the word "Philippines" wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof the words "Philippine Islands."

Section 1, page 1, line 5, strike out the word "combat" and insert in lieu thereof the word "decrease."

Section 3, page 2, line 7, before the word "stationery" insert the words "and such."

Section 4, page 2, line 20, after the word "appropriated" insert the words "to be expended by the chairman of the committee."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved that the title be amended to read as follows:

An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippine Islands and the measures which should be adopted to decrease it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 409.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on December 22, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 717, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, by extending the provisions thereof to employees of municipal treasurers who are deputies of the provincial treasurers," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill above quoted be passed with the amendments hereinafter suggested by your committee, in accordance with the new draft attached hereto.

The purpose of this Assembly Bill is to amend sections 1, 6, and 8 of Act No. 1739 in the sense that the positions of employees in the offices of municipal treasurers who are deputies of the provincial treasurers shall *ipso facto* be included in the class of bonded positions, in accordance with existing provisions of law regarding fidelity bonds, beginning with the date of their appointment or designation. The bill the passage whereof is recommended by your committee provides for the application of the existing provisions of law regarding fidelity bonds to the employees of the municipal treasurers, whether these be deputies of the provincial treasurers or not, but the provisions of the bill as submitted by your committee shall not be applied to said employees ex officio, as provided in the Assembly Bill, but only by request of the municipal treasurer concerned to the Insular Treasurer, sent through and approved by the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor. It has been deemed wise to leave it to the municipal treasurers whether or not the employees in their offices should be bonded, for two reasons: In the first place, because the salaries of the employees of the municipal treasurers are in many cases so small that the payment of premiums on bonds would be onerous for them, and in the second place, because the employees mentioned handle funds only in the discretion of the municipal treasurer under whose orders they are working, when on account of special circumstances, such as the great area of the territory covered

by the municipality, the municipal treasurer is compelled to utilize their services for the collection of taxes. The amendment proposed by your committee applies to the employees of the municipal treasurer of Baguio, but not to those of the municipality of Manila who, unlike the employees in other municipalities, are ex officio bonded officers when the nature of their official duties makes it necessary for them to have funds or property in their custody.

It has been deemed wise, further, to make use of this opportunity for introducing other changes in the existing legislation governing fidelity bonds, and the changes proposed are so many, and so numerous existing provisions of law would have had to be amended, that it has appeared the best to draft a new law, repealing Acts Nos. 1739 and 1901 which comprise the fundamental provisions of the existing legislation relative to fidelity bonds.

The purposes of the most important of these changes are as follows:

(*a*) Make the position of municipal treasurer of Baguio *ipso facto* a bonded position, beginning with the appointment of the person filling it;

(*b*) Increase the purposes and uses of the fidelity bond premium fund; and

(*c*) Provide that the expenses caused by the administration of said fund be defrayed by the same.

The other changes made are of secondary importance, their purpose being to explain existing provisions of law which are not very clear, or adapt such provisions to the fundamental idea of the principal changes above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The following is the form in which the bill is recommended by the committee:

An Act to enlarge the purposes and uses of the fidelity bond premium fund, to provide that the operation of the same be defrayed by it, and to repeal Acts Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine and Nineteen hundred and one.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. The permanent reimbursable appropriation created by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine and known as the fidelity bond premium fund shall hereafter be available for the following uses and purposes:

(*a*) To replace losses, shortages, and defalcations in the accounts

of all Insular and provincial officers and employees and officers and employees of the city of Manila who are accountable for public funds or public property, unless such officers and employees have been relieved under the provisions of existing law;

(*b*) To replace losses, shortages, and defalcations in the accounts of treasurers of all municipal corporations, who are at the same time deputies of the provincial treasurer, unless such officers have been relieved in like manner;

(*c*) To replace losses, shortages, and defalcations in the accounts of all treasurers of municipal corporations not deputies of the provincial treasurer, unless such officers have been relieved in like manner;

(*d*) To replace losses, shortages, and defalcations in the accounts of employees of treasurers of municipal corporations, whether such treasurers are or are not deputies of the provincial treasurer, provided that such employees have been bonded under the provisions of this Act, and have not been relieved under the provisions of existing law;

(*e*) To repay losses to such persons as have suffered losses in money or property intrusted to any officer or employee bonded under the provisions of this Act, when such money or property was so intrusted to, or received by such officer or employee in the regular course of his official duty, in accordance with law or authoritative regulations, and the amount of the loss and the liability of the officer or employee has been determined in accordance with the provisions of section fourteen of this Act;

(*f*) To pay all fees and costs accruing as a result, and in consequence of any civil action or proceeding taken against any bonded officer or employee, within the meaning of this Act who has suffered losses in the public funds or public property for which he is accountable, or who has defaulted, or in whose accounts of public funds or public property shortages may be discovered which have arisen from whatever cause, or who has suffered losses or shortages or has committed defalcations in money or property belonging to any person who has intrusted the same to such officer or employee as provided in subsection (*e*) hereof;

(*g*) To pay the salaries and wages of such persons as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act, and to defray all the expenses which may arise or be necessary in and to the proper administration of the fund and to give effect to the ends and purposes of this Act.

SEC. 2. All sums and moneys paid by any and all officers and employees who have been bonded under the provisions of this Act to replace sums or moneys paid out of this fund on their behalf or on account of losses, shortages or defalcations incurred by them; all payments required from provinces or municipal corporations, and from officers and employees bonded under the provisions of this Act on account of premiums; all sums paid as, or on account of premiums under the provisions of this Act out of funds or appropriations of

Insular Offices or Bureaus; all sums, fees and costs recovered for and on account of the fidelity bond premium fund through legal or judicial proceedings; all interest, repayments of loans, and other accretions on the money of the fidelity bond premium fund; and all sums, funds, and moneys due to the said fund on the date of the passage of this Act, shall be merged in, accrue to and become a part of said fidelity bond premium fund.

SEC. 3. The Governor-General shall fix, and may from time to time change, the annual rate of premium chargeable for insurance of the fidelity of officers and employees in the fidelity bond premium fund. Two-thirds of the premium computed at the rate so fixed shall be paid to the fidelity bond premium fund on behalf of every Insular officer or employee, out of the appropriation of the Bureau or Office of which he is such officer or employee, and in the case of provincial officers or employees, and officers and employees of the city of Manila, and of treasurers of municipal corporations, and the employees in the offices of such treasurers, two-thirds of said premium shall be paid by the province to which the particular bonded position may belong or by the city of Manila, or by the proper municipal corporation, as the case may be, and one-third of such premium shall in all cases not exempted under sections four and eleven of this Act be paid out of the personal funds of the officer or employee whose fidelity is insured in said fund. The Insular Treasurer shall collect the full amount of premiums from the various Bureaus, Offices, provinces, the city of Manila, and municipal corporations, and these in turn shall collect from their respective bonded officers and employees their proper share of premiums.

SEC. 4. The Philippine Commission may, by resolution, exempt any accountable officer or employee from the payment of his part of the bond premium, and any officer or employee now exempted from such payment shall continue to be so exempted unless and until the Philippine Commission, by resolution, shall otherwise determine.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Insular Treasurer to prepare and keep an exact and accurate record of bonded positions in such manner and in such detail as may be required by the Secretary of Finance and Justice, and to make such changes in said record from time to time as changing facts and conditions may require.

SEC. 6. Whenever an appointment or designation is made to any bonded Insular or provincial position, or to a bonded position under the city of Manila, or to the dual office of deputy provincial treasurer and treasurer of a municipal corporation, or to the office of treasurer of a municipal corporation, the person so appointed or designated shall *ipso facto* be deemed to be a bonded officer or employee within the meaning of this Act, and his liability as such shall begin on the day on which he enters upon the discharge of the duties of such position; and his liability for the payment of his share of the premium, and the liability of the Insular Bureau or Office, the

province, the city of Manila, or the municipal corporation, as the case may be, for its share of the bond premium of such person shall begin on such day. No formal application on the part of any person occupying a bonded position shall be deemed necessary to make him such bonded officer or employee, but the fact of his acceptance of the position and of his entrance upon the discharge of the duties of such position shall be deemed to carry with it his consent to be placed upon the schedule of bonded officers and employees, and to the assumption of all duties, premium charges, liabilities, and penalties by law attached to such position.

SEC. 7. All premiums shall be due and payable semiannually in advance, and no refund of premiums so paid shall be made from the fidelity bond premium fund; but refund of unearned premiums shall be made to the officer or employee who has paid the same (*a*) upon retirement from the service, by his successor, or (*b*) in case there is no successor, and in all cases where by reason of illness or other cause an acting officer or agent is appointed and bonded, from the appropriations or funds of the Bureau, Office, province, or municipal corporation concerned, the intent of this law being that two bonds shall not exist for the same office at the same time.

SEC. 8. The chief of the Bureau or Office to which any bonded position, now in existence or hereafter created, may pertain, shall at once, and without delay, notify the Insular Treasurer of the appointment or designation of any person to fill or discharge the duties of such position. In the provinces this duty shall be performed by the provincial treasurers, in Manila by the secretary of the Municipal Board, and in the case of treasurers of municipal corporations by the officer making the appointment. Such notification shall contain the title or designation of the position, the name of the person appointed or designated, the name of the person relieved, the financial or property accountability pertaining to the position and the maximum of public funds, or the total value of the public property likely to be in the hands of the incumbent at any one time, the salary attached to the position, the amount of the bond required of the position by law or authoritative regulation, if any, and if not, a recommendation as to the amount, the date of the relief of the preceding incumbent from the duties of such position, and the date on which the person appointed or designated assumes charge. Such notification shall also state the opinion of the appointing officer of the business and moral qualifications of the person appointed or designated for the position in question and any such other information in the possession of the appointing officer as may have a bearing upon the amount of the bond to be required or as may be asked for by the Insular Treasurer. Upon receipt of this information the Insular Treasurer shall place the name of such person upon the record provided for in section five of this Act: *Provided, however,* That the Insular Treasurer, if in his judgment the character, asso-

ciations, or habits of the insured person do not constitute such person a safe and conservative risk, may report the facts to the Governor-General for proper action.

SEC. 9. When an official is acting in the dual capacity of deputy of the provincial treasurer and treasurer of a municipal corporation notification thereof, as prescribed in section eight of this Act, shall at once and without delay be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer by the provincial treasurer whose deputy such official is. In such case one-half of the premium payable from public funds shall be paid by the province and the other half by the municipality. It shall be the duty of the provincial treasurer, subject to the supervision of the Insular Auditor, to collect from the various municipal corporations in his province, the treasurers of which are his deputies and from the individuals who are his deputies, the amounts respectively due as bond premiums, and to forward the same to the Insular Treasurer.

SEC. 10. When it is desired to insure in the fidelity bond premium fund, the fidelity of any employee in the office of a treasurer of a municipal corporation, except in the city of Manila, the treasurer of such municipal corporation shall make an application on behalf of such employee giving all the information described in section eight of this Act. Such application shall be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer through the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor each of whom shall either approve the application or set forth his reasons why he disapproves the same. Unless such application receives the approval of both the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor the name of the employee shall not be entered upon the schedule prescribed in section five of this Act.

If, however, the approval of the two officers aforesaid has been given, the name of such employee shall be entered upon the schedule aforesaid, and thereupon the provisions of sections three, six, seven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of this Act shall apply in so far as the same are not inconsistent with this section.

SEC. 11. Whenever any official, employee, or agent shall be designated by the proper authority temporarily to perform the duties of the head of a Bureau or Office or of any subordinate office or the duties of any position or any employment under any Office, Bureau, or province in accordance with section fifteen of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, all fidelity and premium charges which shall be due or accrue on account of such temporary designation shall be paid wholly from the appropriation or funds of the Department, Bureau, Office, province, or municipal corporation, as the case may be, in which the services are rendered.

SEC. 12. All persons whose names are listed on the record required in section five of this Act to be made and kept shall be deemed to be bonded to the Government of the Philippine Islands for the benefit of whom it may concern for the faithful performance of all duties

now or hereafter imposed by law upon the positions occupied by them, and for the faithful accounting for all public funds and public property coming into their possession, custody, or control by appropriation, collection, transfer, or in any other manner, and for the lawful payment, disbursement, expenditure, delivery, or transfer of all public funds or public property in their hands, possession, or custody or under their control as accountable or responsible officers, and for the faithful accounting, payment and delivery of funds and property not public coming lawfully into their hands by reason of their official duties.

SEC. 13. Every person whose name is or has been listed on the schedule provided for in section five of this Act shall be deemed to be or to have been a "bonded officer" or a "bonded employee" within the meaning of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and five, entitled "An Act forbidding, under penalty, bonded officers or bonded employees, or former bonded officers or bonded employees, of the Insular Government, or of any provincial or municipal government in the Philippine Islands, or the city of Manila, from leaving or attempting to leave the Philippine Islands without first securing a certificate from the Insular Auditor, and repealing Act Numbered Eleven hundred and sixty-one," and within the meaning of every other Act fixing the responsibility, accountability, liability, duties, or penalties of officers or employees required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties and the accounting for public funds or public property.

SEC. 14. The Insular Auditor shall fix the amount for which the various positions contemplated in this Act shall be bonded. The Auditor shall determine the exact amount of losses, shortages, and defalcations which may be found in the accounts of any bonded officers, employees, or agents, whether of money or property, the amount to be paid in order to replace such losses, shortages, or defalcations, and the account or accounts of the Bureau, Office, province, or municipal corporation to which, or the private individual to whom such sums shall be paid from the Fidelity Bond Premium Fund. When the Auditor has determined such amount he shall certify the same to the Insular Treasurer, who shall thereupon issue a warrant or inter-Bureau voucher therefor.

SEC. 15. The powers and duties vested in the Insular Auditor by the Accounting Act are hereby extended in their entirety to the fidelity bond premium fund.

SEC. 16. The moneys in the fidelity bond premium fund may be invested by the Insular Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor-General, in any or all of the ways in which the funds of the Philippine Postal Savings Bank may be invested by the Postal Savings Bank Investment Board under authority of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended.

SEC. 17. The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to sheriffs of provinces or to provincial governors acting as sheriffs.

SEC. 18. Section twenty-three of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. The governor of the province, or, if he declines to act as sheriff, any person lawfully appointed to the position of sheriff, shall, before being qualified to perform the duties of sheriff or officer of the court, execute a bond, with not less than three sureties, running to the Government of the Philippine Islands, for the benefit of whom it may concern, in such penal sum as shall be fixed by the Insular Auditor. The sureties on said bond shall qualify under oath before the judge of the Court of First Instance, or, in his absence, before the clerk of the court. The bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of himself and his deputies as sheriff and officer of the court, and for the payment to the Government or the persons entitled thereto of all sums of money that shall come into his or their hands officially. Its form shall be prescribed by the Auditor, who shall approve and forward it to the Insular Treasurer for file. The bond shall bear an indorsement of the provincial treasurer stating that after due investigation, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the sureties collectively own real property in double the amount of the bond free from incumbrances and over and above any liabilities owing by them. The bond shall thereupon be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer and be kept on file in his office. The bond shall be available for the benefit of the Government and of any person in interest. Until the bond has been approved by the Auditor the officer shall not be entitled to any fees for services performed, but the Auditor's approval shall be effective as of the date of the bond. The governor or sheriff may require each deputy appointed by him to execute a sufficient indemnity for his protection against any wrongdoing on the part of such deputy."

SEC. 19. Acts Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine and Nineteen hundred and one are hereby repealed.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 717 was postponed until the next session of the Legislature in view of the short time remaining of the present session.

RECESS.

At 12 o'clock and 20 minutes postmeridian the chair declared a recess until 4 o'clock postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 4 o'clock postmeridian the Commission reconvened. Commissioner Gilbert in the chair.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 132. An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF CAPITOL COMMITTEE.

The Secretary then read the report of the Capitol Committee for the information of the Commission.

Ordered filed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 946, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the creation of seventy scholarships, at least one for each of the provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, known as The Provincial Government Act, and for the special Provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, in the Government Forest School established at Los Baños, La Laguna, and appropriating twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pesos and fifty centavos for such purpose.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 946 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 1021), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act granting to any person who has not paid, or at any time failed to pay, the cedula tax, the benefit of allowing such person to pay the same during the year nineteen hundred and twelve without any penalty, at the rate of one peso per annum for each year from the establishment of said tax until the year nineteen hundred and eleven; reducing the penalty on the cedula tax and amending part of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two accordingly, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1021 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 970), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending the conditions under which funds appropriated for the construction of schools in the municipalities and barrios of the Philippine Islands shall be available for expenditure.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 970 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 949), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 949 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 805), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act declaring invalid extrajudicial statements or depositions of defendants except when made under certain conditions, and providing that the witnesses of a defendant in a criminal cause, once present in court, having been legally summoned by request of the defense, can not be called by the representation of the Government without the consent of the defendant or his counsel.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 805 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 30, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 945, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the Director of Forestry, during the period from April first, nineteen hundred and twelve, to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, to provide for the salaries, traveling expenses, and per diems of the students who have

completed the course in the Forest School, and appropriating the sum of four thousand five hundred and sixty pesos for such purpose.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 945 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 410.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on January 22, 1912, Commission Bill No. 167, entitled "An Act to regulate the pawnbroking business," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

In section 2, page 2, lines 11 and 12, strike out the words "a sum equivalent to one-fourth of the capital to be invested in the business," and insert in lieu thereof the words "the sum of one thousand pesos."

Section 2, page 2, lines 4, 5, and 6, strike out the words "and a fireproof vault in which to keep jewelry and articles of gold, silver, or other precious metals or stones."

In section 12, page 5, lines 12 to 14, strike out the words "after which time any such remainder shall be covered into the treasury of the municipality where the business is carried on."

Strike out section 13 in its entirety.

Change the number of section 14 to section 13.

Change the number of section 15 to section 14.

A careful study of this bill and of the general situation has convinced your committee that it is not advisable to attempt to regulate the interest which may be received by licensed pawnbrokers. While it is true that excessive interest is sometimes charged, with the result that indigent, improvident, and unfortunate persons suffer hardship, it seems that the remedy is not to be found in establishing a statutory rate of interest. The amounts loaned by pawnbrokers in the city of Manila are extremely small, averaging probably about ₱40 or ₱50 each. The average may by an occasional large loan be brought higher than this amount, but an inspection of the books of a number of pawnbrokers shows that probably four-fifths of all the loans are in amounts ranging from ₱10 to ₱50.

Many run as low as ₱1, and even 50 centavos. It is manifest that the compensation received for loans of such amounts can not be properly measured in terms of interest. What is paid is in fact compensation for services, storage, care, etc. An examination has been made of the charters of a number of American cities, including San Francisco, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Joseph, Pittsburg, Baltimore, St. Paul, Kansas City, Denver, Chicago, Louisville, Philadelphia, and Bangor, and it appears that with the exception of Philadelphia and St. Joseph no attempt is made to regulate the interest charge. The rate permitted in Philadelphia, 5 per cent per month, is as high as is ordinarily paid where competition is permitted to have full sway.

There is another fact which may well be taken into consideration. The smaller loans are mostly made by what may be called small dealers, to people who are not able to offer security of the character required by the large pawnbroking establishments. The petty business which they transact would be entirely destroyed by any attempt to fix rates at what the Legislature would consider reasonable. It is not believed that public policy requires legislation which would produce such results.

There seems no necessity for requiring a bond of more than ₱1,000 in each case. Such is the requirement of the municipal charter of the city of Manila, and it has apparently been found sufficient to accomplish the purposes designed.

Your committee is not able to see any reason why the surplus from the sales of pawned articles not called for after three years should be turned into the public treasury. It therefore recommends that that part of this bill be stricken out.

With the amendments suggested the bill proposed will be a regulative measure, and as such will accomplish all the purposes which legislation may accomplish in connection with a licensed business of this kind.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Commission Bill No. 167 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE USURY BILL.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, the Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes."

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the select committee in Committee Report No. 258 of November 3, 1911, be concurred in with the following further amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 2 to 4, strike out the words "unless a different rate not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is contracted for in writing," and insert the same in line 5, immediately following the words "Civil Code."

Amend section 7 to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. None of the provisions of this Act shall apply to loans made by building and loan associations to their own stockholders, or to the business of duly licensed pawnbrokers."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 179. An Act making appropriations for public works.

Commission Bill No. 179 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock antemeridian on Thursday, February 1, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Second Session.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

The President being temporarily absent from the Session Chamber, Commissioner Gilbert took the chair.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 31, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 990, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating funds from the Insular Treasury to aid the municipalities in the payment of increased salaries to the teachers, under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 990 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 31, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 924, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 924 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1029, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1029 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1028, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act defining and penalizing infidelity in the custody of prisoners, unifying the penalties therefor, and repealing articles three hundred and fifty-eight and three hundred and fifty-nine of the Penal Code.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1028 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1020, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that the provisions of existing law requiring purchases to be made through the Bureau of Supply and the Philippine Library Board and printing to be done by the Bureau of Printing, and certain provisions of section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, shall not be applicable to the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1020 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 996, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to amend subsection (*a*) of section twenty-five of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight known as The Revised Civil Service Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 996, was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 31, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 31, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 863, entitled "An Act further amending sections seventy-eight and eighty-eight of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of

Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands.' "

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on January 31, 1912, passed with amendment, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 124, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles."

The bill (C. B. No. 124), with amendment certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out everything after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Whenever the municipal council or the landowners in a municipality organized under Act Numbered Eighty-two, whose lands represent at least two-thirds of the total assessed value of all lands in such municipality shall petition in writing the judge of first instance of the province to which such municipality belongs, to settle and adjudicate the titles to all lands lying within such municipality, the judge of first instance shall so certify to the Governor-General, who if he deems it that the public interests require that the titles to the lands situated therein be settled and adjudicated at the same time, on account of the title thereto being disputable, the Director of the Bureau of Land Registration, by direction of said Governor-General, shall order a survey and plan of all such land or lands to be made as soon as possible, and the Governor-General shall also direct the Attorney-General to file the petition hereinafter mentioned.

"SEC. 2. The Attorney-General, on receipt of such order of the Governor-General, shall file in the Court of First Instance in the province where such lands are situated a petition against the holders, claimants, possessors, or occupants of such lands or any part thereof, stating in substance that the public interests require that the titles to such land or lands be settled and adjudicated, and praying that such titles be so settled and adjudicated: *Provided*, That the decision of the Court of First Instance setting aside the claim of any adverse claimant under this Act shall not prevent him at any subsequent

time from petitioning for the registration and entry in his name of the land claimed by him so long as such land has not been adjudicated to another private person, nor shall such decision be a reason for depriving such adverse claimant of the possession of such land.

"SEC. 3. In order to facilitate the enforcement of this Act the Philippine Archipelago is divided into two zones:

"The first zone shall consist of the provinces, municipalities, townships, and settlements under the legislative jurisdiction of the Philippine Legislature throughout the entire Island of Luzon.

"The second group shall consist of all provinces, municipalities, townships, and settlements under the legislative jurisdiction of the Philippine Legislature which are not included in the first zone.

"The Director of the Bureau of Land Registration shall assign ten surveyors especially and exclusively for the work of surveying in the first zone, and fifteen surveyors for the second zone.

"SEC. 4. The petition shall contain a description of the land in question and shall be accompanied by a plan thereof prepared by the surveyors of the Bureau of Land Registration or by private surveyors if it be so agreed upon between the holders, claimants, possessors or occupants of the land affected by such petition and the Attorney-General. The Court of First Instance may, however, in its discretion, accept any plan made in accordance with the laws and regulations in force prior to the promulgation of this Act. The plan may contain such other data as may serve to furnish full notice to the occupants of the land and to all persons who may claim any right or interest therein. If the land contains two or more parcels held or occupied by different persons the plans shall indicate the boundaries or limits of the various parcels as correctly as may be. The parcels shall be known as 'lots' and shall on the plans filed in the case be given separate numbers by the Court of First Instance, which numbers shall be known as 'cadastral numbers.' The lots situated within each municipality, shall be numbered consecutively, as far as possible, beginning with the number 'one' and only one series of numbers shall be used for that purpose in each municipality. After final decree has been entered for the registration of a lot its cadastral number shall not be changed except by order of the Director of the Bureau of Land Registration with the approval of the proper judge of first instance. Future subdivisions of any lot shall be designated by said Director with the approval of said judge by a letter or letters of the alphabet added to the cadastral number of the lot to which the respective subdivisions pertain. The letter with which a subdivision is designated shall be known as its cadastral letter.

"SEC. 5. Upon the receipt of the petition and the accompanying plan the Court of First Instance shall cause notice of the filing of said petition to be published twice in successive issues of the Official Gazette, in both the English and the Spanish languages. The notice

shall be issued by order of the proper Court, attested by the Director of the Bureau of Lands ex-officio clerk of such Court, and shall be in form substantially as follows:

"COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF .....
"BUREAU OF LAND REGISTRATION.

"To (here insert the names of all persons appearing to have an interest and the adjoining owners so far as known) and to all whom it may concern:

"Whereas a petition has been presented in the Court of First Instance of ..... by the Attorney-General, praying that the titles to the following lands be settled and adjudicated (insert description), therefore, you are hereby cited to appear at the Court of First Instance of ....., which will be in session in ..... in said province (or city) of ..... on ....., 19...., A. D., at ..... forenoon, to present such claims as you may have to said lands or any portion thereof and to present evidence if any you have in support of such claims.

"And unless you appear at said court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded and the title or titles to the land will be adjudicated and determined in accordance with the prayer of the petition and upon the evidence before the court and you will be forever barred from contesting such petition or any decree entered thereon.

"Given by the Honorable ....., judge of the Court of First Instance, this ..... day of ..... A. D. 191....

Attest:

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Director of the Bureau of Land Registration,
Ex officio Clerk of the Court of First Instance of .....

"SEC. 6. The day of trial fixed in such notice shall not be less than thirty days nor more than one year from the date of issue. The court shall also, within seven days after the publication of said notice in the Official Gazette as hereinbefore provided, cause a copy of the notice in Spanish to be mailed by registered mail by the Director of the Bureau of Land Registration to every person named therein whose address is known. The court shall also cause an attested copy of the notice to be posted in Spanish, in a conspicuous place upon the chief municipal building of the pueblo in which the land or a portion thereof is situated, by the sheriff of the province or city, or by his deputy, or by such other persons as may be designated by the court, fourteen days at least before the day fixed in the notice and service by the sheriff or the affidavit of the person designated by the court shall be prima facie evidence of such service. A copy of the notice shall also be sent by registered mail to the president of the municipal council, or to the municipal board, as the case may be, of the munici-

pality or city in which the land is situated, and to the provincial board of the province. The court may also cause other and further notice of the petition to be given in such manner and to such persons as it may deem proper. The certificate of the Director of the Bureau of Land Registration or of the clerk of the court, that he has served the notice as ordered by the court, by publishing it and mailing it, shall be prima facie evidence of such service of same.

"SEC. 7. Any person claiming any interest in any part of the land, whether named in the notice or not, shall appear in the court by himself, or by some person in his behalf, and shall present an answer on or before the day of the trial, or within such further time as may be allowed by the court. The answer shall be signed and sworn to by the claimant or by some person in his behalf and shall state whether the claimant is married or unmarried and, if married, the name of the husband or wife and the date of the marriage. The answer, for the filing of which, together with the documents thereto annexed, no fee shall be charged, shall also contain:

(*a*) The age of the claimant.

(*b*) The cadastral number of the lot or lots claimed.

(*c*) The name of the barrio and municipality, township or settlement in which the lots are situated.

(*d*) The names of the owners of the adjoining lots as far as known to the claimant.

(*e*) If the claimant is in possession of the lots claimed and can show no express grant of the land by the Government to him or to his predecessors in interest the answer shall state the length of time he has held such possession and the manner in which it has been acquired, and shall also state the length of time, as far as known, during which his predecessors, if any, held possession.

(*f*) If the claimant is not in possession or occupation of the land the answer shall fully set forth the interest claimed by him and the time and manner of its acquisition.

(*g*) If the lots have been assessed for taxation, their last assessed value.

(*h*) The incumbrances, if any, affecting the lots and the names of adverse claimants as far as known.

"SEC. 8. The provincial governor of the province affected or the president of the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, as the case may be, shall upon the request of the proper court detail an officer or employee of the province or of the city, as the case may be, to assist the defendants in any action brought under this Act in the preparation of their pleadings and evidence, without cost to them, and without prejudice to their right to employ other counsel if they so desire: *Provided*, That in default of such officer or employee, the provincial governor or the president of the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, as the case may be, may with the approval of the provincial board or of the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, temporarily employ a practicing lawyer in the locality or province, if any

there be, and said lawyer shall be entitled to receive per diems, in the discretion of the provincial board or of the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, as the case may be, of not to exceed thirty pesos, for the time that he is actually employed in the work above committed to him as may be alleged by such lawyer and certified to by such court, unless in lieu of per diems both parties agree by contract upon a lump sum for all the work.

"The expenses occasioned by virtue of the provisions of this section shall be paid: one-third by the Insular Government out of the funds of the Bureau of Justice, one-third by the province, and one-third by the municipality in case of lands situated within a province, and by the Insular Government and the city of Manila, in equal parts, in case such lands are situated within the boundaries of said city.

"SEC. 9. The trial of the case may occur at any convenient place within the province in which the land is situated or at such other place as the proper judge of first instance, for reasons stated in writing and filed with the record of the case, may designate, and shall be conducted in the same manner as ordinary trials and proceedings under Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six and its amendments. Orders of default and confession shall also be entered in the same manner as in ordinary cases in the same court and shall have the same effect. All conflicting interests shall be adjudicated by the proper court of first instance and decrees awarded in favor of the person or persons entitled to the land or the various parts thereof and such decrees, when final, shall be the basis for an original certificate of title in favor of said persons, which shall have the same effect as certificates of title granted on application for registration of land under the Land Registration Act, and except as herein otherwise provided all of the provisions of said Land Registration Act, as now amended, and as it hereafter may be amended, shall be applicable to proceedings under this Act, and to the titles and certificates of title granted or issued hereunder.

"SEC. 10. Whenever in an action brought under the provisions of this Act a new trial is ordered the court shall specify the lot or lots with reference to which the new trial is ordered, and the case shall remain closed as to all other lots, if any, included in the action.

"SEC. 11. In the event of an appeal to the Supreme Court from any decision or order of the proper Court of First Instance in an action brought under the provisions of this Act only the lot or lots claimed by the appellant shall be affected thereby. The decision of the Court of Land Registration shall be final as to all remaining lots, if any, included in the action, and upon the expiration of the time for the filing of a bill of exceptions final decree for such remaining lots may be entered and certificates of title therefor issued.

"SEC. 12. Except as otherwise ordered by the proper court, a separate certificate of title shall be entered and a corresponding duplicate certificate issued for each separate parcel or holding of land included in the petition.

"SEC. 13. After the entry of the final decree of registration of any lot, the designation of the lot by its cadastral number, together with the name of the municipality, and province in which the lot is situated, shall be a sufficient description of said lot for all purposes. The cadastral letter of a subdivision of a lot added to the cadastral number of that lot shall, together with the name of the municipality and province, be a sufficient description of such subdivision. In deeds of conveyance or other documents evidencing the transfer of title to land, or creating incumbrances thereon, the cadastral number shall be written in words and figures.

"SEC. 14. In all proceedings under this Act the fees of the several registers of deeds for the making and entering of a certificate of title, including the issue of one certificate, and for the registration of same, including the entering, indexing, filing and attesting thereof, shall be as follows and no other fees shall be lawful:

"When the value of the property does not exceed fifty pesos, fifty centavos.

"When the value of the property exceeds fifty pesos but does not exceed two hundred pesos, one peso.

"When the value of the property exceeds two hundred pesos but does not exceed five hundred pesos, two pesos.

"When the value of the property exceeds five hundred pesos, six pesos.

"The fees for the insurance fund in accordance with the Land Registration Act shall also be collected.

"For the purposes of this section the value of the property shall be its last assessed value or such other value as may be determined by the court.

"The fees authorized under this section shall become due and payable in the same manner and at the same time as the first annual installment of costs provided for in section nineteen of this Act and may be collected in the same manner as said installment.

"SEC. 15. One-tenth of the cost of the survey and monumenting and the registration proceedings had under this Act shall be borne by the Insular Government, one-tenth each shall be paid by the province and municipality in which the land is situated. The court shall in its final decision, or by subsequent order, designate the amounts to be paid by the Insular Government, the province and municipality respectively and shall tax and apportion the remaining seven-tenths of the cost of the survey, monumenting and registration proceedings against the various lots and the owners thereof; and the clerk of the court shall transmit to the provincial treasurer of the province in which the land is situated a statement of such taxation and apportionment, specifying the amounts taxed against each lot or parcel of land as aforesaid. Such amounts shall be considered a special assessment of taxes against the respective parcels, shall constitute a first lien upon the land and shall be collected by the provincial treasurer in five equal annual installments. The first installment shall become due

and payable at the same time as the general land taxes for the year next succeeding the year in which the decision of the court is rendered and shall be collected in the same manner as such general land taxes. Each succeeding installment shall become due and payable at the same time as the general land taxes for the corresponding year and shall be collected in the same manner: *Provided, however,* That the owner of any lot may also, if he so desires, at any time before it becomes due, pay any installment of the costs taxed against such lot.

"SEC. 16. Whenever in proceedings under this Act the court is of the opinion that the interests of the public or of the parties themselves require that a partition be made of land included in the petition and held by various persons in common or jointly, the court may order that such partition be made and for that purpose may appoint two or more disinterested and judicious persons to be commissioners to make the partition, and shall order a writ of partition to issue to the commissioners, commanding them to make partition of the land and to set off to each of the parties in interest such part and proportion of the land as the court shall order. By agreement between the coöwners or copossessors of land included in the partition, land not so included but held by said coöwners or copossessors in the same manner and by the same tenure may, with the approval of the court, be included in the same partition proceedings, and in such cases the court may order a survey to be made of such land. In case that there should have been commenced separately or that there should be pending in the same court or any other court, any separate case in which a petition is made for the partition of such lands, the judge of first instance may order said case pending to be tried and decided as soon as possible; and shall abide by the decision rendered for the purposes of this section.

"SEC. 17. Before making the partition the commissioners shall take and subscribe an oath, before any officer authorized to administer oaths, that they will faithfully perform their duties as such commissioners, which oath shall be filed in court with the other proceedings in the case.

"SEC. 18. Except as herein otherwise provided the commissioners and the court in making the partition shall be governed by the provisions of sections one hundred and eighty-five, one hundred and eighty-six, one hundred and eighty-seven, one hundred and eighty-eight, one hundred and eighty-nine, one hundred and ninety, and one hundred and ninety-one of the Code of Civil Procedure, and the Commissioners shall receive such compensation as the court may determine, but not to exceed three pesos per day for the time actually and necessarily employed in the performance of their duties.

"SEC. 19. The order of the court effecting the partition shall state definitively, by adequate description the particular portion of the estate which is apportioned to each party in interest and shall have the same force and effect as the final judgment in partition proceedings under the Code of Civil Procedure. In all cases in which such

order fully accepts the report of the commissioners, such order shall be definitive and conclusive; in all other cases an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

"SEC. 20. The guardian of minors and persons of unsound mind shall represent them in the partition proceedings authorized by this Act. Where no guardian is appointed, or where he fails to appear, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the minors or persons of unsound mind in the proceedings. Such guardian or guardian ad litem may on behalf of his ward and with the approval of the court do and perform any act, matter, or thing respecting the partition of the estate, including amicable partition thereof, which such minor or person of unsound mind could do in the partition proceedings if he were of age or of sound mind.

"SEC. 21. The proceedings in partitions authorized by this Act shall be regarded as a part of the land registration case in connection with which the partition is ordered, and no special fees shall be charged by the clerk of the court for any service performed by him in such partition proceedings, but the compensation of the commissioners appointed and additional expenses incurred in connection with the partition, including the costs of additional surveys, may be taxed as costs in the case and apportioned among the parties interested in the partition to such an extent and in such a manner as the court may deem just and equitable. Upon the order taxing and apportioning such costs becoming final, an execution may issue therefor as in partition proceedings under the Code of Civil Procedure unless the court direct that payment be made in installments as provided in section nineteen of this Act.

"SEC. 22. If the property partitioned under the foregoing provisions constitutes the estate, or part of the estate, of a deceased person, which has not been settled by administration proceedings under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, the heirs or devisees of such deceased person shall, for the full period of two years from the date of the order effecting the partition, be jointly liable to the creditors of the deceased for his debts: *Provided, however,* That no heir or devisee shall be liable for a greater amount than the value of the property received by him as his share in the estate: *And provided, further,* That for the purpose of contribution between the heirs or devisees themselves the amount of the debts of the estate for which each shall be liable, shall bear the same proportion to the value of his share of the estate as the total amount of the legal debts paid by the heir or devisee, demanding contribution, bears to the total value of the estate. Any heir or devisee who, under a final judgment rendered in an action brought under this section, pays more than his proportionate share of the debts of the estate shall, with reference to the excess, be subrogated to the rights of the creditors under such judgment against each of the other heirs or devisees to the extent of their respective proportionate shares of the debts so paid by him.

"The judgment rendered in any action brought under this section

by a creditor against the heirs or devisees of a deceased person shall, if favorable to the plaintiff, specify the maximum amount for which each heir or devisee shall be liable under such judgment.

"SEC. 23. In the interpretation of the provisions of this Act the rules of construction laid down by sections one, two, three, and four of the Code of Civil Procedure and section one hundred and twenty-three of the Land Registration Act shall apply. The word "court" as used in this Act shall mean the Court of First Instance of the proper province.

"SEC. 24. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 25. This Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Amend the title to read as follows:

"An Act providing certain special procedure in the adjudication of land titles, and for other purposes."

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 180. An Act to fix the date for the commencement of the annual sessions of the Philippine Legislature.

By unanimous consent, Commission Bill No. 180 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Araneta as a select committee for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 32.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the bill as passed by the Commission be further amended as follows:

In the second paragraph of section 1 change the words "may suspend" to "shall suspend."

Change paragraph 3 in section 1 so as to read as follows:

"The rental or installment or interest so suspended shall be distributed through the periods remaining on the contract of lease or the sale certificate."

That as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
HERMOGENES REYES,
EMILIANO TIRONA,
JOSÉ TUPAS,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 411.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 31, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 945, entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of Forestry, during the period from April first, nineteen hundred and twelve to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, to provide for the salaries, traveling expenses and per diems of the students who have completed the course in the forest school, and appropriating the sum of four thousand five hundred and sixty pesos for such purpose," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

This bill provides for the employment of the young men who are about to graduate from the Forest School at Los Baños, from the date of their graduation up to July 1, when the next appropriation

bill goes into effect. Should this bill not pass it would be necessary to leave these young men without employment for three months.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Assembly Bill No. 945 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 412.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 2, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 710, entitled "An Act conveying certain agricultural lands under certain conditions to the municipalities of the Philippines," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The proposed Act is not accompanied by any information as to the number and extent of parcels of land which would be transferred to municipalities under its provisions, but your committee has endeavored to obtain information on this point and so far as can be learned the number of such parcels is small, as is their size. The proposed Act could not become effective without the approval of Congress and it would hardly seem worth while to request Congress to interest itself in a matter of such relatively small importance.

It occurred to your committee that the desired end might be attained by the sale at a low price to the municipalities in question of the lands which they desire in so far as they are public lands, but it was found that the Attorney-General had rendered an opinion to the effect that under existing provisions of law municipalities of the Philippines are not authorized to receive and administer such lands in any event, so that if the obvious purpose of the bill were to

be attained there would be necessary enabling legislation to make it possible for municipalities to receive and administer lands which might be conveyed to them under its provisions.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 413.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on January 6, 1912, Commission Bill No. 153, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-four entitled 'An Act to provide for the leasing of reclaimed land for commercial purposes, for the leasing of the foreshore and lands under water, and to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waterways,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That consideration of this matter be postponed.

A number of complicated questions must be considered before definite recommendation can be made relative to this bill, and in the opinion of your committee the time remaining is too short to allow of its proper consideration during the present session.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 414.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on January 25, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 918, which amends subsection (*a*) of section 4 of Act No. 82, entitled "A General Act for the organization of municipal governments in the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has

the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That said bill be passed in its entirety.

The amendment could not be more suitable and timely, since the proposed classification of the municipalities will make it possible to tell at the first sight the importance of the revenues of each, which will be very useful in acting upon certain municipal matters of economic character.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 918 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 415.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on December 23, 1911, Assembly Bill No. 777, entitled "An Act amending section seventeen of Act Numbered Seven hundred and three and section seventeen of Act Numbered five hundred and fifty-four and extending the provisions thereof to the railroad from Manila to Dagupan and to the railroad franchises granted by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and Fifteen hundred and ten," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that this bill be laid on the table.

There are certain conditions in connection with the operation of the railway which should be changed, but this Act is inadequate.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 416.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 163, entitled "An Act regulating the employment of women and children in factories, workshops, and mines," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 4, line 13, insert the word "willful" between the words "The" and "violation."

Strike out section 6 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 163 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendments recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, and that the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 2, strike out the words "tend and clean machinery or."

Section 3, insert the word "dangerous" between the words "any" and "machinery;" and strike out the word "the" before the word "belts" and insert in lieu thereof the word "dangerous."

Section 5, strike out in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 5. The Director of Labor is hereby authorized to make suitable regulations, approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Police for the enforcement of this Act."

Insert new section 6 to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 417.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 18, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 815, entitled "An Act authorizing municipal councils to establish a register of mechanics or day-laborers residing in their respective municipalities, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Section 2, page 1, line 13, strike out the words "have voluntarily mentioned that they."

Section 6, page 2, line 25, insert before the words "he being obliged" the words "subject to the provisions of Act Numbered Two thousand and ninety-eight."

Section 8, strike out in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 815 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing municipalities and townships to establish a register of mechanics or day laborers residing therein, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 418.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 23, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 902, entitled "An Act establishing a uniform method of entering into a contract and requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out sections 6 and 7 in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 902 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

After some consideration the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Commission then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Commission Bill No. 179, entitled "An Act making appropriations for public works."

After some consideration, the committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

RECESS.

At 12 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian, the President declared a recess until 4 o'clock postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 4 o'clock postmeridian the Commission reconvened. The President in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 902.

The Commission resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing consideration of Assembly Bill No. 902, entitled "An Act establishing a uniform method of entering into a contract and requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money."

After some consideration the committee rose and reported with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Before a contract, agreement, or other obligation entailing the expenditure of money from Insular funds amounting to two thousand pesos or more, for construction, equipment, or supplies shall be entered into by the Government of the Philippine Islands, a copy of such proposed contract shall be made and submitted to the Insular Auditor with a request for a certificate to be made by him, showing that there are sufficient funds duly appropriated to be expended for the object set forth in said contract in the Treasury in excess of all outstanding contracts and obligations connected with or affecting such appropriation; the Bureau, board, committee, or officer submitting this request shall transmit therewith a statement in writing of all obligations incurred against said appropriation not yet presented for audit; and it shall be the duty of the Insular Auditor upon receipt of such written request for a certificate and said statement to immediately make such certificate in writing showing whether or not there are any funds duly appropriated for the purpose of carrying into execution such said proposed contract in excess of all obligations and indebtedness chargeable to such said appropriation.

"SEC. 2. No contract, agreement, or other obligation involving the expenditure of two thousand pesos or more shall be entered into, by any Bureau, board, committee, or officer of the Government of the Philippine Islands, or of any province or municipality thereof for construction, equipment, or supplies unless the Insular Auditor shall first certify to said Bureau, board, committee, or officer who proposes to enter into such contract that the money required for the contract, agreement, or other obligation, or to pay the appro-

priation or expenditure, is in the Treasury to the credit of the fund from which it is to be drawn, and not appropriated for any other purpose, which certificate shall be attached to and made a part of the proposed contract; and the sum so certified shall not thereafter be available for expenditure for any other purpose until the Government or the province or municipality, as the case may be is discharged from the contract, agreement, or obligation; and all contracts, agreements or other obligations, entered into contrary to the provisions of this section shall be void, and no person whatever shall have any claim or demand thereunder against the Government or any branch or political sub-division thereof; nor shall a Bureau, board, committee, or officer of the Government, or any province or municipality thereof, have power to waive or qualify the limits of this Act or fasten upon the Philippine Government or any province or municipality thereof any liability whatever for any excess of such limits, or release any person from an exact compliance with his contract under this Act, except as authorized under the provisions thereof; a violation of any provision of this section shall disqualify the person violating it from holding any office of trust or profit in the Philippine Government or in that of any province or municipality thereof, and render him liable to the Philippine Government, or province or municipality thereof as the case may be, for any damages resulting from such violation, and if in office he shall be dismissed therefrom: *Provided, however,* That for the purpose of entering into such contracts ninety per cent of the estimated revenues and receipts of the government for any fiscal year covered by the contract shall be deemed to be in the treasury: *And provided further,* That such requirements shall apply to contracts extending for more than one year, and that before expenditures may be made in any year during the continuance of any contract such said certificate must be first had, showing that the funds for the carrying on of such contract for that year are in the treasury as above provided.

"SEC. 3. The same procedure shall be followed when any existing contract for works of construction and repair is altered or amended if such alteration or amendment involves an expenditure of funds in excess of the original contract price.

"SEC. 4. All contracts for works of construction and repair entered into by the Government of the Philippine Islands shall be executed in duplicate, one copy of which shall be filed in the division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks of the Executive Bureau, and one copy shall be furnished to the contractor, and a certified copy shall be furnished by the Executive Secretary to the Insular Auditor and to the Bureau, board, committee, or officer who entered into the contract.

"SEC. 5. When requisitions are made upon the Purchasing Agent by any Bureau, board, committee, or officer of the Government of the Philippine Islands, or of any province or municipality thereof, for two thousand pesos or more, it shall be accompanied by a certificate

of the Auditor as in this Act required, and no further certificate shall be required to be secured by the Purchasing Agent before entering into the contract for the purchase of the articles so requisitioned."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 31, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Capistrano, Alba, and Valle.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian

employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Araneta be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Veyra, Apacible, and Ledesma.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the Committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Sumulong be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 419.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 27, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 977, entitled "An Act authorizing Mauro Prieto and associates to establish a mortgage bank under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to

report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to Mauro Prieto of the city of Manila, Philippine Islands, and his associates, the right and power to found, establish, and maintain, subject to the provisions of this Act, a mortgage bank, to be known as the Mortgage Bank of the Philippine Islands, hereinafter referred to as the bank: *Provided*, That within the period of six months from the date of the approval of this Act, which period may be extended to one year by the Governor-General if in his opinion there are reasonable grounds therefor, said Mauro Prieto and his associates shall organize a corporation in accordance with the laws of the Philippine Islands.

"SEC. 2. The bank shall have the general powers which all corporations in the Philippine Islands have under existing laws, and also the special powers set out in this Act. Its corporate existence shall be for fifty years from the date of its incorporation.

"SEC. 3. The head office of the bank shall be in the city of Manila. Branches of the bank may be established or discontinued in the capitals of provinces or in other parts of the Philippine Islands, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, and agencies of the bank may be established in the United States or in foreign countries, subject to the approval of the Governor-General and in accordance with the laws of the United States or of such foreign countries.

"SEC. 4. In addition to the business in which under existing law savings and mortgage banks may engage, the bank is authorized to engage in the following classes of transactions:

"(*a*) Discounting bills of exchange and commercial promissory notes.

"(*b*) Making collections of drafts and other negotiable paper, and advancing money thereon.

"(*c*) Negotiating or drawing bills of exchange, whether domestic or foreign.

"(*d*) Making loans or opening current accounts, upon the security of deposits with the bank as collateral of articles of commerce, products of the country, negotiable securities and industrial and commercial bills which are easily and safely realized upon at any time. Such collateral securities shall be accepted only at a rate not exceeding three-fourths of their market or appraised value.

"(*e*) Making loans on bills of lading when invoices and insurance policies sent to the Bank are attached thereto: *Provided*, That the amount of such loans shall not exceed three-fourths of the current market value of the articles covered by such bills of lading.

"(*f*) Receiving money on time deposit and investing such money

in bonds or in loans secured by bonds, bullion, or real estate mortgages as hereinafter provided.

"(*g*) Making loans or opening current accounts by the pledge to the bank of gold and silver bullion: *Provided,* That such amount shall not exceed ninety per centum of the value of the pledge by which the loan is secured.

"(*h*) Buying and selling or otherwise negotiating bonds of the United States, bonds of the Government of the Philippine Islands, bonds of the city of Manila, or any other municipal stocks or bonds of railways or mortgage bonds upon which interest or principal has been guaranteed by the Government of the Philippine Islands, and borrowing money on such bonds.

"(*i*) Making loans or opening current accounts upon the security of the bonds mentioned in the last preceding paragraph: *Provided, however,* That such loans shall not exceed the face value of such bonds or the market value thereof, whichever may be the smaller.

"(*j*) Making loans or opening current accounts on mortgages or deeds of trust to the bank on unencumbered improved real estate in cities and centers of population of municipalities in the Philippine Islands, or on actually cultivated and improved agricultural lands in the Philippine Islands, at interest not exceeding ten per centum per annum, to an amount not exceeding sixty per centum of the actual cash market value of the real estate which is security for the loan, or the assessed value thereof, whichever may be the smaller.

"(*k*) Making loans or opening current accounts on first mortgages transferred to the bank as collateral security on improved and otherwise unencumbered real estate in cities and centers of population of municipalities, or on actually cultivated improved and otherwise unencumbered agricultural lands in the Philippine Islands: *Provided, however,* That the mortgages transferred to the bank as collateral security with interest accrued and due shall not exceed sixty per centum of the actual cash market value of the real estate which secures such mortgages, or of the assessed value thereof, whichever may be the smaller.

"(*l*) Acquiring credits secured by mortgages already existing which comply with the conditions expressed in the last two preceding paragraphs.

"(*m*) Loaning to the Insular Government, provinces, municipalities or other official corporations legally authorized to contract loans such amounts as they are authorized to borrow, with or without mortgage security, provided the payment of the principal and interest is guaranteed by the permanent revenues of such corporate bodies.

"(*n*) Acquiring or discounting credits of the Insular Government, provinces and municipalities, or other official corporations, provided such credits are secured in the form prescribed in the last preceding paragraph.

"(*o*) Issuing mortgage bonds to the amount of its loans guaranteed by mortgage on real estate: *Provided, however,* That current

accounts guaranteed by such mortgages shall not be included in such loans. The bonds shall be signed by the manager and the cashier of the bank, and each shall bear a serial number and a correlative number within each series, and each bond shall be for not less than one hundred pesos Philippine currency. The redemption of these bonds shall be made in such amounts and manner that the remaining unredeemed bonds shall not exceed the amount of the loans secured by real estate mortgages which are owing to the bank.

"SEC. 5. No loan of the bank shall be for a longer period than ten years; and no loan secured by real estate mortgage shall be made unless the title to such real estate, free from all incumbrances, shall be in the mortgagor, and unless the mortgage shall be a preferred claim on the property therein described as against the whole world. Property liable to destruction by fire which is accepted as security shall be insured against fire.

"SEC. 6. The capital of the bank shall be four million pesos Philippine currency, represented by forty thousand shares of one hundred pesos each: *Provided, however,* That the bank may increase its capital to ten million pesos. The bank shall not commence operations until there shall be subscribed and fully paid twenty thousand shares of the capital stock. The remaining shares may be issued in one or more series when at a stockholders' meeting regularly called for the purpose stockholders representing at least two-thirds of the entire corporate capital stock subscribed shall favor an increase of the capital stock.

"SEC. 7. The management of the bank shall be vested in a board of directors composed of not less than nine nor more than eleven members, who shall be elected annually and each of whom shall be the owner of at least fifty shares of the capital stock. The board of directors shall choose from its members a president and vice-president.

"SEC. 8. In so far as applicable, and when not contrary to the provisions of this Act, the bank shall be governed by the laws relating to corporations.

"SEC. 9. Before beginning operations the bank shall adopt for its government by-laws not inconsistent with this Act or with the Corporation Law, which shall make provisions covering the following points:

"(*a*) The method of election, remuneration, powers, duties and liabilities of the members of the board of directors.

"(*b*) The duties, salaries, and bonded security required of officers of the bank.

"(*c*) The number, method of appointment, term of office, remuneration and duties of auditors.

"(*d*) Rules as to stockholders' meetings.

"(*e*) Rules of declaration and payment of dividends.

"(*f*) Rules for the valuation of real property offered as security.

"(*g*) The maximum amount that may be granted to a single borrower.

"(*h*) The manner of issuance and redemption of mortgage bonds.

"(*i*) The amount of and the manner of forming the reserve fund.

"(*j*) The conditions which will lead to liquidation and the method thereof.

"(*k*) Rules for such other matters as may be considered necessary or desirable.

"The by-laws adopted shall be subject to the approval of the Governor-General."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 977 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following further amendment:

In section 2, insert between the word "for" and the words "fifty years" the words "not to exceed."

In section 4, subsection (*j*), strike out the word "improved" before the words "real estate in cities;" and strike out the words "actually cultivated and improved" before the words "agricultural lands" in the same subsection. Same section, subsection (*k*), strike out the words "improved and" before the words "otherwise unencumbered real estate;" and strike out the words "actually cultivated improved and" before the words "otherwise unencumbered agricultural lands" in the same subsection. Same section, subsection (*o*), strike out the word "correlative" and insert in lieu thereof the word "corresponding."

In section 5, strike out the words "preferred claim" and insert in lieu thereof the words "first lien;" strike out the words "as against the whole world" in the same section, and add at the end thereof after the words "against fire" the words "for the benefit of the bank."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Worcester voting in the negative.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES.

Commissioner WORCESTER. I vote "No" because I do not think a bill of this sort should be passed at the last moment on the last night when everybody is tired and we do not know what goes with it. It is probably all right, but earlier in the session we would not think of passing a bill like this without having the amendments carried into it and having it sent back here for consideration and everything carefully looked over. We have rapidly run over it and made some hurried amendments of a general nature. We should have more time in order that the information required for a thing of this sort could be gathered up successfully and have proper consideration. If not it should be held over until such consideration could be given.

Commissioner ELLIOTT. I agree with what Mr. Worcester says as to the general proposition, but apparently this bill grants no substantial powers that are not already possessed by banks under the existing Corporation Law. The proposed bank will have no special powers and privileges.

[Committee Report No. 420.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 18, 1912, Commission Bill No. 164, entitled "An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila,

to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Commission Bill No. 164 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 1 to 3, strike out the words "in the years nineteen hundred and thirteen, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and nineteen hundred and fifteen," and insert in lieu thereof the words "in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen."

Section 6, page 3, lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "Philippine Expositions" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Philippine Exposition."

Section 7, page 3, lines 13 and 14, strike out the words "for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and the sum of fifty thousand pesos for each of the years nineteen hundred and fourteen and nineteen hundred and fifteen;" line 16, strike out the words "Philippine Expositions" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Philippine Exposition;" and add at the end of the same section the following proviso: "*Provided*, That not more than thirty thousand pesos shall become available until July first, nineteen hundred and thirteen."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 30, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Concepcion, Nieva, and Salazar.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Elliott be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Branagan introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 181. An Act authorizing the establishment of an Agricultural Bank under the guaranties authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Commission Bill No. 181 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out the preamble.

Section 1, amend to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Edward B. Bruce, John M. Switzer, Luis Hidalgo, Stephen E. Young, and Guy W. Currier, are hereby authorized to organize a corporation under the laws of the Philippine Islands to be known as the Philippine Agricultural Bank, hereinafter designated as the bank, which, by complying with the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and guarantees herein stated. The incorporation of said corporation shall be perfected within six months after the passage of this Act: *Provided, however,* That the Governor-General may extend said time for a further period not exceeding six months. The corporation shall continue for a period not exceeding fifty years from the date of its incorporation."

Section 2, page 1, line 9, insert the word "Philippine" before the word "Islands."

Section 3, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The bank shall have an authorized capital of ten million pesos. The bank shall commence operations in the Philippine Islands when four million pesos of said capital shall have been subscribed and two million pesos thereof paid in in cash, which paid in capital may be increased from time to time, with the approval of the Governor-General as the requirements for loans justify."

Section 9, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. The Government of the Philippine Islands will, as soon as the bank is organized and ready to begin operations, transfer all of the notes and mortgages of the present Agricultural Bank of the Philippine Government to the bank, for which the bank shall pay the face value with the interest due to date, and thereupon the Agricultural Bank of the Philippine Government shall cease to do business and the appropriation heretofore made therefor, together with all increment thereto, shall revert to general funds."

Section 15, page 6, line 9, strike out the word "Treasurer" and

insert in lieu thereof the words "Executive Secretary;" and in line 22, after the words "The bank" insert the words "with the approval of the Executive Secretary."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted, and the bill was ordered on file for third reading.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock and 10 minutes postmeridian, the President declared a recess until 9 o'clock postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 9 o'clock postmeridian the Commission reconvened. The President in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 110, entitled "An Act creating the crime of habitual criminality and providing punishment for the same."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 113, entitled "An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 115, entitled "An Act prohibiting slavery, involun-

tary servitude, peonage, and the sale or purchase of human beings in the Philippine Islands, and providing punishment therefor."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 119, entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter, exchange, pledge, loan, or giving away of the clothes, arms, ammunition, equipments, accouterments, stores, and other property furnished by the Government of the Philippine Islands to the Philippine Constabulary, and prescribing punishment for the unlawful disposition or the theft of any such property."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 136, entitled "An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 140, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven by providing for the confiscation and disposition of money, articles, instruments, appliances, and devices used in gambling prohibited by said Act or by the municipal ordinances."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 156, entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of seven thousand pesos for the continuation of Government scholarships in the College of Veterinary Science in the University of the Philippines."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 170, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-nine, entitled 'An Act prescribing the method of executing leases of real estate to or by the Insular Government, by providing the method of making contracts and leases for Government buildings or cottages under the control of the Bureau of Public Works."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 798, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called "health fund" for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 798 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

JANUARY 31, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on January 31, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 988, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 988 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 421.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 1, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 924, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass.

Attention is invited to the fact that this bill carries no appropriation with it and that in order to make its provisions operative an appropriation will be necessary. However, if the bill is passed at this time it will make possible the preparation of plans and estimates, and an appropriation for carrying out its provisions can be made at such time as the Legislature may see fit.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 924 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 6, strike out the words "public officials and private parties" and insert in lieu thereof the words "persons visiting the springs;" and in line 7, strike out the words "committee hereinafter created" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial board."

Section 3, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The provincial board shall have power to make the necessary provision for the construction with the funds authorized by law, of a wagon road from the *población* of the municipality of Barili to the site of the Boloc-Boloc springs, trace new streets and extend such of the existing streets as it may see fit, and make any other improvements it may deem necessary within the zone reserved by the Governor-General for the purposes of this Act and may, with the approval of the Governor-General, expropriate the property necessary therefor."

Strike out section 4 in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

[Committee Report No. 422.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice to which was referred on February 1, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1029, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Article fifty-six of the Penal Code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 56. The penalty of *cadena temporal* shall carry with it the following penalties:

"'1. Civil interdiction of the convict during the term of the sentence.

"'2. Perpetual absolute disqualification.

"'3. Subjection to the surveillance of the authorities for a term equal to that of the principal sentence, which surveillance shall commence upon the expiration of said principal sentence.'

"SEC. 2. Article fifty-seven of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 57. The penalty of *presidio mayor* shall carry with it the penalties of temporary absolute disqualification to its full extent, and subjection to the surveillance of the authorities for a term equal

to one-half that of the principal sentence, which surveillance shall commence upon the expiration of said principal sentence.'

"SEC. 3. Article one hundred and six of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 106. Persons sentenced to *cadena temporal* or *cadena perpetua* shall labor for the benefit of the Government; they shall be employed in hard labor, and shall not receive any assistance from without the institution.

"'Nevertheless, should the court, taking into consideration the age, health, condition, or any other personal circumstances of the convict, believe that he should serve his penalty by laboring within the institution, it shall so provide in the sentence.'

"SEC. 4. Article two hundred and fifty of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 250. Persons committing any offense defined in the last preceding article shall be punished by the penalties of *arresto mayor* in its maximum degree to *prisión correccional* in its minimum degree and by a fine of not less than three hundred and twenty-five nor more than three thousand two hundred and fifty pesetas, should the offense be committed under any of the following circumstances:

"'1. If the aggression was committed under arms.

"'2. If the offenders were public officials.

"'3. If the offenders laid hands upon any person in authority.

"'4. When, in consequence of coercion, any person in authority acceded to the demands of the offenders.

"'If no one of said circumstances be present, the offense shall be punished by the penalties of *arresto mayor* in its medium degree to *arresto mayor* in its maximum degree and by a fine of not less than one hundred and seventy-five nor more than one thousand seven hundred and fifty pesetas.'

"SEC. 5. Article two hundred and fifty-two of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 252. Persons who, not falling within the provisions of article two hundred and forty-nine, shall resist or grossly disobey any person in authority or his agent while engaged in the performance of official duties, shall be punished by the penalties of *arresto mayor* in its minimum degree to *arresto mayor* in its medium degree and by a fine of not less than one hundred and twenty-five, nor more than one thousand two hundred and fifty pesetas.'

"SEC. 6. Article three hundred of said Code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 300. The penalties of *presidio mayor* and a fine of not less than one thousand two hundred and fifty nor more than eight thousand five hundred pesetas shall be imposed upon any public officer who, taking advantage of his official position, shall commit a falsification:

"'1. By counterfeiting or imitating any handwriting, signature, or rubric.

"'2. By causing it to appear that persons participated in any act or proceeding who did not participate in it.

"'3. By attributing to persons who participated in an act or proceeding statements different from those which they made.

"'4. By making an untruthful statement in what purports to be a narration of facts.

"'5. By altering true dates.

"'6. By making in a genuine document any alteration or interpolation which changes its meaning.

"'7. By issuing in authenticated form a document purporting to be a copy of an original when no such original exists, or by including in such a copy a statement contrary to, or different from, that of the genuine original.

"'8. By interpolating any instrument into an official protocol, registry or book.

"'The penalties provided in the first paragraph of this article shall be imposed upon any ecclesiastical minister who shall commit any of the wrongful acts described in the numbered paragraphs hereof with respect to any record or document which may affect the status, relationship or civil rights of persons.'

"SEC. 7. Article three hundred and one of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 301. Any private person who shall commit any of the falsifications enumerated in the last preceding article in any public or official document, bill of exchange, or other commercial instrument shall be punished by the penalty of *presidio correccional* and by a fine of not less than one thousand two hundred and fifty nor more than six thousand two hundred and fifty pesetas.'

"SEC. 8. Article three hundred and three of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 303. Public officers employed in the telegraph service who shall fabricate a fictitious telegraphic message or falsify a telegraphic message shall suffer the penalty of *prisión correccional* in its minimum degree to *prisión correccional* in its medium degree.

"'Any person who shall use such false or fictitious message with intent to profit thereby, or to injure another, shall suffer the same penalty as that prescribed for the author of the false or fictitious message.'

"SEC. 9. Article three hundred and sixteen of said code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"'ART. 316. Whenever the profit which persons guilty of falsifications mentioned in this title have received, or which they expected to receive, can be computed, the fine imposed upon them shall be a sum not less than the amount of such profit and not more than three times such amount, unless the maximum of such fine shall be less than the minimum of that prescribed for the offense, in which case the latter shall be imposed.

" 'If the said profit does not exceed one thousand pesetas, or if the damage which the guilty persons produced or intended to produce is of little importance in the opinion of the court which imposes sentence, the court may reduce by one degree the penalty of imprisonment imposed for the crime.'

"SEC. 10. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend, repeal or supersede any of the provisions of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-four enacted October ninth, nineteen hundred and seven.

"SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect upon its passage."

The bill as recommended for passage by your committee is the same as the bill on the same subject recommended by the Code Committee passed by the Commission on October 24, 1911, and which is now in the hands of the Assembly for consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly bill No. 1029 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred

and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 423.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 23, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 966, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following comment and recommendation:

The date at which English is to become the official language of the courts is a subject which has received so much discussion and which in the opinion of your committee is so clear that any considerable discussion of the matter now would almost seem superfluous.

When civil government was organized in these Islands it was officially declared that the policy would be to give Filipinos from time to time as considerable a share in the government as they showed themselves fitted to undertake, in order that they might be trained in political life and unified as a nation. It was at once apparent that the first requisite for carrying out this purpose was the adoption of some common medium of expression, without which there could certainly be no unification and little training in modern political ideas. English was adopted as this medium. The reasons therefor were many. The first and most natural was because the people of the United States assumed the responsibility, and the language of the United States is English. Besides English is the language of the commercial world, and certainly in a very large degree the language of people who live under democratic governments. It did not seem more difficult then to introduce English as the common language than to introduce Spanish. The use of Spanish was extremely limited and to have endeavored to make this the common tongue would have required the introduction of teachers from Spain rather than from America, or the training in Spanish of the thousand American teachers who were brought to the Islands before sending them to the provinces; this, of course, was out of the question. In addition, when English was first adopted, Spanish was the language of the nation against whom the Phil-

ippines had been in armed rebellion, and no doubt there would have been vigorous protests, if only for sentimental reasons, against its adoption.

But whether or not the Government was right the fact remains that it did adopt English and merely because it did not wish to work a hardship on the comparatively small number of people who were in positions of authority, but who spoke Spanish and not English, it was decided to continue for a few years the use of Spanish until these people had had an opportunity of acquiring English.

The result of this action was an enthusiastic and widespread study of the English language by the mature population of the Philippines, particularly by those who had been intrusted with Government offices, and it is evident from the reports which your committee submits herewith, signed by the division superintendents and other officials and employees in the Bureau of Education who are actually engaged in the work of teaching and who have a first-hand knowledge of facts, that had the Government remained firm in its requirement the use of English by Filipino officials would now have been universal. The first postponement was a severe blow to the work of the public schools, and further postponements have only intensified the harm. The people everywhere have come to believe that the Government is not fixed in its determination to make English the common and official language, with the result that English is seldom studied by the adult population, and more and more the use of Spanish is spreading. The result is that the generation which is now being graduated from our public schools finds itself severely handicapped by reason of the fact that it has been trained in English and not in Spanish. Your committee believes that it is altogether unfair for the Government to train these youths in American ideals and in the English language and then practically disqualify them for public office, and for their greatest usefulness in commercial life by continuing Spanish as the language of the courts and as the language of practically the entire Government except the central administration in Manila.

Your committee further believes that nothing would bring the Filipinos and Americans in the Islands closer together and into more sympathetic and intimate relations than the possession of a common language. At present few Filipino officials speak English and the interchange of ideas is often difficult and leads to misunderstandings, and the fact that a portion of the population speaks English and another portion Spanish often creates an artificial contrast between them.

It is, therefore, recommended that the bill be amended by striking out in line 9, page 1, the word "seventeen" and inserting in lieu therefor the word "thirteen." In line 12, page 1, strike out the word "English" and insert the word "Spanish." In line 1, page 2, strike out the word "English" and insert the word "Spanish." In

lines 4 and 5, page 2, strike out the words "if at the same time he accompanies it by a correct Spanish translation." In line 8, page 2, strike out the word "English" and insert the word "Spanish." In line 8, page 2, strike out the words "and in such cases the record of" and all the remainder of the section.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 966 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following further amendment:

Section 1, page 1, lines 7 to 16, and page 2, lines 1 to 23, strike out in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 12. *Official language.*—The official language of all courts and their records shall be the Spanish language until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen. After that date English shall be the official language. But the Supreme Court or any Court of First Instance or justice of the peace court may in its discretion order the record to be made in the Spanish language: *Provided,* That any party or his counsel may examine or cross-examine witnesses or make an oral argument in Spanish, which shall then and there be clearly interpreted into English by a court interpreter whenever the judge shall so require; and the party or his counsel may submit the application, pleading, or brief in Spanish: *And provided further,* That in cases in which all the parties or counsel so stipulate in writing, the proceedings shall be conducted in Spanish."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioners Palma and Sumulong voting in the negative.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the use of the Spanish language in certain cases after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES.

Commissioner PALMA. I have voted against the adoption of the report because I understand that it is not yet time to establish English as the official language in the courts. The great majority of the people who have business to transact in the courts are persons of mature age. These persons do not speak English nor are they apt to learn it. The same is true with regard to the great majority of the Filipinos who practice law in the courts.

To make English the official language as proposed in the amendment is to impose an unnecessary hardship upon the majority of the public that is in need of the courts.

The language spoken by the courts should be that of the majority of the persons making use of them. The intention of the Government to give a common language to the people is praiseworthy and I am in favor of it. But it is one thing to teach that language in the schools in order that the new generation may speak it, and another to deprive the present and past generations who speak another language and can not learn a new one, of their right to speak to the courts and hear the same in the language they know, without obstacle or impediment.

It is necessary, moreover, to consider the fact that the

Government has not sufficiently developed academic instruction so as to make it possible to replace the Filipinos now practicing law in Spanish by Filipinos educated in English. Only a year ago an English college of law was established in the university. I hope that from it will come the persons who will prepare the way for the establishment of English in the courts of justice.

Under the present circumstances the establishment of English as the official language of the courts would probably result in the withdrawal of a considerable number of the older lawyers of experience and skill. I do not think it would be just to deprive the public of the services of these intelligent men whose assistance to the courts is of great value.

Commissioner SUMULONG. It is advisable, in my judgment, to postpone for ten years longer the time after which English must be the official language of the courts of justice.

I am convinced that the immediate adoption of English as the official language will not produce the expected effect of increasing amongst Filipino attorneys the desire, unquestionably great and widespread, of learning said language. The fact that many of the existing laws have been originally drafted in English and that the jurisprudence for their interpretation is not accessible to persons who have not a knowledge of that language, is a sufficient stimulus, without the need of legislative pressure, for young Filipino attorneys to try to possess, moved by self-interest, the necessary knowledge of English to conscientiously practice their profession and not find themselves in a condition of inferiority in relation to their American and Filipino colleagues who speak said language. The bill under discussion, if passed, would cause little or no harm to those young Filipino lawyers who can cherish the hope of being able to learn English well. But there are a number of Filipino attorneys who, on account of their relatively advanced age, are no longer able to acquire the necessary knowledge of the English language. For them the adoption of English as the official language at an early date would practically amount to the deprivation of their right to practice their profession, con-

sidering the difficulties that they would surely encounter at every step.

It is evident that the day is fast approaching when English will be the language used by the official element as well as by all educated persons in the Islands, not only by the small number who speak Spanish now as compared to the greater number of young persons educated in English turned out by the public schools, but because of the general conviction that a knowledge of the English language will bring this country in contact with the most advanced peoples of our own times. It seems much better to allow that day to come, in the natural course of events, without causing harm or injustice to any one, than to try to hasten an event which must necessarily come about of itself.

For these reasons I vote against the bill.

[Committee Report No. 424.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on January 30, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1010, entitled "An Act providing school prizes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill do pass.

Your committee knows that the strictest economy in expenditure is necessary, and it submits this matter to the consideration of the Commission having this condition in mind. If it should be the sense of the Commission that the revenues will permit of expenditures of this character no doubt the awarding of prizes to children would stimulate interest in the public schools.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received and Assembly Bill No. 1010 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 425.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 31, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 946, entitled "An Act providing for the creation of seventy scholarships, at least one for each of the provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, known as 'The Provincial Government Act,' and for the special Provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, in the Government Forest School established at Los Baños, La Laguna, and appropriating twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pesos and fifty centavos for such purpose," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed without amendment in the event that the annual appropriation bill fails to pass. In the event that it passes with an allowance to the Bureau of Forestry of a percentage on internal-revenue collections on forest products, your committee recommends that the bill be passed with the provisions relative to the appropriation of funds cut out, it being understood that under this arrangement the Bureau of Forestry will meet all expenses of the Bureau and the school from the funds derived from this source.

In the event that the annual appropriation bill passes with the provision relative to the payment of a percentage of the collections on forest products disapproved, your committee recommends that the items appropriated in this bill be included in the regular annual appropriation bill, and in the event that this is not practicable, that the bill be passed as it stands.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 946 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that further consideration be postponed.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

The President introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 182. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to grant revocable licenses to construct and operate tramways on public roads.

Commission Bill No. 182 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, page 1, line 1, strike out the words "Governor-General" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works."

Section 8, page 4, line 8, strike out the words "of the United States;" line 9, strike out the words "Governor-General" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Insular Treasurer;" and in line 10, strike out the words "of one thousand pesos Philippine currency."

Section 11, page 5, line 13, strike out the words "Governor-General" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

The President moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the granting of revocable licenses to construct and operate tramways on public roads, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 33.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and

seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission recede from its amendment to section 1, page 1, line 7, which strikes out the words "on the recommendation of the provincial board."

That the Commission amend its amendment to lines 8 to 11 of page 1, section 1, by adding after the word "compensation" the words "except actual and necessary traveling expenses," and that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission amend the paragraph inserted by it between lines 25 and 26 of page 2, section 3, by inserting after the words "nine thousand pesos a year" the words "for two years," and that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission in all other respects and concur therein.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
RAFAEL PALMA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
HERMENEGILDO VILLANUEVA,
HERMOGENES REYES,
LEONCIO GRAJO,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 34.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular

funds, for the expenses of reception to the Committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission to section 1 and agree to the same.

That the Commission agree to amend its amendment to section 2 by adding after the words "who shall be appointed by the Governor-General" the words "and who shall represent the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, the two Filipino political parties, the merchants, and the press;" and that the Assembly agree to the same.

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the other amendments of the Commission and agree to the same.

JUAN SUMULONG,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
JAIME C. DE VEYRA,
G. APACIBLE,
C. LEDESMA,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the Committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 183. An Act to amend section sixteen of Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six, "The Trade-marks and Trade-names Act."

Commission Bill No. 183 was read the first time.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The bill was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 426.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 30, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 773, entitled "An Act establishing the prescription of crimes and misdemeanors," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The subject matter of this bill merits careful study. The Spanish Penal Code contains provisions relative to the prescription of crimes and misdemeanors. There is, however, no provision relative to offenses not covered by the Penal Code. Your committee believes there should be uniform legislation on this subject. The Assembly bill endeavors to provide a uniform law covering the prescription of all offenses, whether punishable by the Penal Code or under other laws. The bill contains, however, a provision to the effect that with respect to the time when prescriptions shall begin to run, and interpretations thereof, the provisions of the Penal Code shall govern.

The times fixed by this bill are, in the judgment of your committee, very short. The provisions of the Penal Code referred to are not applicable, being based on a criminal procedure distinct from that now in effect.

Your committee is of the opinion that the legislation sought to be enacted requires more careful consideration than is permitted by the short time at its disposal.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 427.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 31, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1021, entitled "An Act granting to any person who has not paid, or at any time failed to pay, the cedula tax, the benefit of allowing such person to pay the same during the year nineteen hundred and twelve without any penalty, at the rate

of one peso per annum for each year from the establishment of said tax until the year nineteen hundred and eleven; reducing the penalty on the cedula tax and amending part of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two accordingly, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill, as appears in the title, is for the benefit of those persons who are delinquent in the payment of the cedula tax. It would, if enacted, render less effective the provisions of the Internal Revenue Law relative to the payment of the cedula tax within the time fixed by law.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 428.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on January 31, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 805, entitled "An Act declaring invalid extrajudicial statements or depositions of defendants except when made under certain conditions, and providing that the witnesses of a defendant in a criminal cause, once present in court, having been legally summoned by request of the defendant can not be called by the representation of the Government without the consent of the defendant or his counsel," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be not passed.

The first section of this bill prohibits the admission in evidence of the confession of the accused unless such confession is made in the presence of the accused's attorney. This is entirely contrary to the rules of evidence. There is no reason for not admitting in evidence the confession of the accused, not made in the presence of the accused's attorney, when such confession is voluntarily made.

The second section provides that witnesses summoned by the accused and present in court cannot be called as witnesses for the prosecution, except with the consent of the accused. Your committee sees no reason for this provision. Under it the accused could sub-

pœna the Government witnesses for the defense, and thus completely annul the testimony of the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 805 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by the President, further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

[Committee Report No. 429.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred on February 1, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 990, entitled "An Act appropriating funds from the Insular Treasury to aid the municipalities in the payment of increased salaries to the teachers, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be not passed.

Viewing this bill solely in the light of whether or not the finances of the Government would permit this appropriation, your committee believes that the present state of the exchequer would not justify this additional expense.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee on Appropriations.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 430.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on January 30, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 932, entitled "An Act regulating the organization of life insurance corporations, defining their powers, fixing the duties of directors and other officers thereof, prescribing conditions under which said corporations may transact business,

prescribing rules under which foreign life insurance corporations may transact business in these Islands, and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict or inconsistent with this Act, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This important and elaborate bill reached the Commission so near the end of the session that it has been impossible to give it the attention it deserves. It should therefore be left for consideration by the next Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 431.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on January 24, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 845, entitled "An Act repealing Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-five of the Philippine Commission, entitled 'An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Manila," as amended, by providing that appropriations for the Government of said city shall be made by the municipal board, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, and for other purposes,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal Act No. 1765, providing a continuing annual appropriation of not to exceed ₱1,250,000 for the support of the government of the city of Manila.

The argument advanced in favor of the passage of this bill is that the Insular legislative body, by Act No. 1765, has attempted to delegate to the Municipal Board of the city of Manila, with the approval of the Governor-General, the right to appropriate; that the power to appropriate is a purely legislative power and that all legislative power is vested in the Insular legislative body, so that Act No. 1765 is void and should be repealed.

In spite of the wording of Act No. 1765, that the Municipal Board of the city of Manila "shall make all appropriations for the expenses of the government of said city," the real result of that Act is to make

a continuing annual appropriation from the Insular Treasury for the support of the government of the city of Manila, the amount of this appropriation not to exceed ₱1,250,000, but the exact amount within this limit to be arrived at each year in accordance with certain rules laid down by the Act. Act No. 1765, therefore, is an appropriation bill passed by the Philippine Commission, which, at that time, was the only legislative body. This appropriation, being a continuing annual appropriation, remains in force until repealed by the Legislature.

The words "subject to the approval of the Governor-General, the Municipal Board of the city of Manila to make all appropriations for the expenses of said city," which have led to misapprehension, do not provide for the appropriation of funds from the Insular Treasury by the Municipal Board for the use of the city of Manila, but only for the designation of the channels in which funds already appropriated from the Insular Treasury by the Insular Legislative body may be used. This is no more an Act of appropriation than the direction of a Bureau chief or head of Department that certain funds appropriated for his Bureau or Department shall be used for certain purposes.

In other words, the legislative body of the Government of the Philippine Islands has not delegated to the city of Manila its power to appropriate funds from the Insular Treasury, but has made a continuing annual appropriation for the support of the city of Manila and authorized the Municipal Board, with the approval of the Governor-General, to use these funds as it may see fit.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 432.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred on January 30, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be passed.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate the sum of ₱30,000 to enable the Auditor to carry on such special investigations and make such special examinations of financial affairs and accounts of such

Bureaus, Offices, provinces, and municipalities of the Government of the Philippine Islands as in his judgment may require such action.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee on Appropriations.

To the Honorable,
The PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for second reading.

[Committee Report No. 433.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 1, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1028, entitled "An Act defining and penalizing infidelity in the custody of prisoners, unifying the penalties therefor, and repealing articles three hundred and fifty-eight and three hundred and fifty-nine of the Penal Code," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill requires a more careful study than your committee is able to give it in the limited time at its disposal.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 434.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on January 31, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1005, entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of the lands known as the San Lazaro Estate to the present tenants thereof," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That consideration be postponed on account of the shortness of the time available for the consideration of this bill before the close of the present session of the Legislature.

Your committee is by no means satisfied that it would not be well to authorize the Director of Lands to sell the lands of the San Lazaro

Estate; but if this is done, there would seem to be no reason why these lands should not be sold on terms as advantageous to the Government as possible; and in view of the fact that the estate is a trust, a very good reason can be alleged why this should be done.

Under the terms of the trust, the Government would seem to be bound to consider the interests of the beneficiaries rather than those of the tenants when the two clash.

An objection to the bill in its present form is that it provides that the land shall be sold at its present assessed value for taxation, plus 5 per cent. As a matter of fact, the lands of this estate, not being taxable, have never been assessed for taxation. The city assessor has been requested to assist us in fixing a value for the land which could be used as a basis for fixing rentals, and this is all that has been done. Improvements are now in process of construction on the estate which, in a short time, will materially increase the value of adjacent land.

Your committee, while not opposed to the sale of the lands of this estate, is of the opinion that the bill should not be passed in its present form, or without full preliminary investigation and consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 184. An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty thousand pesos for the maintenance, alteration, and repairs of public buildings, including leased buildings the contract for which provides that the maintenance, alteration, and repairs shall be made at the expense of the Government.

Commission Bill No. 184 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was

called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Commission Bill No. 181. An Act authorizing the establishment of an Agricultural Bank under the guaranties authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Commission Bill No. 181 was read the third time.

Commissioner Elliott moved the following amendment:

In section 1, strike out the words "The incorporation of said corporation shall be perfected within six months after the passage of this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Unless the incorporation of said bank shall be perfected within six months after the passage of this Act, all rights acquired by virtue of this Act shall terminate and the grant herein made shall become null and void."

The motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Worcester voting in the negative.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

Commissioner WORCESTER. I vote "No" for the same reasons given in connection with my vote on Assembly Bill No. 977, authorizing Mauro Prieto and his associates to establish a mortgage bank, and for the further reason that this bill carries a provision for a Government guarantee and ought, therefore, to be considered with especial care.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1050, in which it requests the concurrence of the

Commission: An Act fixing the date on which the annual sessions of the Philippine Legislature shall commence.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1050 was read the first and second times.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1022, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1022 was read the first time by title only and,

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

Referred to a select committee consisting of the Commissioners who are heads of Departments for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 770, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing both Houses of the Philippine Legislature to designate the persons who shall administer oaths to

their respective members and officers, and authorizing the Secretaries of said Houses to administer oaths to their subordinate employees and in official matters without charge.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 770 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1040, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section (*i*) of section forty of the Municipal Code.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1040 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 337, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act regulating the authority of the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands to deport, exclude, expel, or repatriate foreigners.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 337 was read the first time by title only and referred to the President of the Commission as a select committee of one for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 435.]

GENTLEMEN: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 1, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 337, entitled "An Act regulating the authority of the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands to deport, exclude, expel, or repatriate foreigners," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass without amendment, as it provides a just and reasonable procedure for the Executive to pursue in the deportation of undesirable aliens, when necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES, *Committee.*

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Assembly Bill No. 337 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY, RESUMED.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1047, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act establishing the qualifications for appointment in the several Departments and Bureaus of the Government of the Philippine Islands.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1047 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1043, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos to be expended in testing the special formula of Doctor Eliodoro Mercado for the cure of leprosy, and appointing a technical committee to report on cases of said disease reported as cured up to the present time.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1043 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1051, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section forty-three (*j*) of The Municipal Code as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-four, so as to authorize the free traffic of certain sledges over improved roads and of other kinds of sledges only for crossing such improved roads from one side to the other.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1051 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1037, in which it requests the concurrence of the

Commission: An Act clarifying subsection (c) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent Assembly Bill No. 1037 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1044, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, entitled "An Act providing for the consolidation of all libraries belonging to any branch of the Philippine Insular Government for the creation of 'The Philippines Library,' and for the maintenance and regulation of the same, and for other purposes," by fixing the status of the libraries of both Houses of the Legislature.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1044 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 741, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 741 was read

the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1045, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act for the protection and assistance of persons living in the vicinity of Taal Volcano.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1045 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1042, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Three hundred and forty-five, entitled "An Act designating the days which shall be observed as public holidays in the Philippine Islands," as amended, so as to declare the first Tuesday of June, nineteen hundred and twelve, and of each fourth year thereafter an official holiday.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1042 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner

Gilbert as a select committee of one for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1030, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making appropriations for public works.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1030 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Commissioners who are heads of Departments for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1039, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1039 was read the first time by title only and referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Branagan for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1041, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending paragraph (*b*) of section one of Act Numbered seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An Act creating the fidelity-bond premium fund, providing for assurance against losses, shortages, and defalcations by officers or employees accountable for public funds and public property, and for other purposes," by

extending the provisions of said Act so as to include all employees in the offices of municipal treasurers.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1041 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee of one for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1048, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the appointment of certain high school students as Government pupils while pursuing courses of training for teaching, and authorizing expenditure for such pupils from funds designated by section twenty-six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, as amended, and appropriating funds for the support of such students.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1048 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1049, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to the Bureau of Education as a loan fund for aid to the provinces for permanent provincial school improvements.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1049 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 985, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act providing that a Coast Guard cutter of the Insular Government shall make fortnightly trips from the ports of Cebu, Iloilo, and Bohol to any of the points in the Provinces of Agusan, Surigao, and Moro Province, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 985 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 35.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the bill, as passed by the Commission, be amended as follows:

After the words "*Provided, however,*" and before the words "That to such province or provinces," in section 3, insert the following: "That the proportional share of the provinces inhabited by non-Christian tribes and of the municipalities of said provinces shall be deducted from said seven and fourteen per centum, and that no province or municipality shall receive on account of said per centum a sum smaller than that it received during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine: *And provided further.*"

After the words "of such provinces," and before the words "said seven per centum" in said section 3, insert the following: "after deducting the proportional share of the provinces inhabited by non-Christian tribes."

After the words "Act Numbered Eighty-three, as amended," and before the words "And for the foregoing purposes" in said section three, insert the following: "*Provided, however,* That the total sum

distributed among such provinces shall in no fiscal year be less than the sum distributed among them during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine."

That the bill, so amended, be accepted by both Houses.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
HERMOGENES REYES,
LEONCIO GRAJO,
JOSÉ LOPEZ-VITO,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 36.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the Military and Naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the bill as passed by the Commission be amended as follows:

In paragraph 4, section 120, of Act No. 1189, as amended by section 1 of this Act strike out the words "or by virtue of contracts of employment with."

That as above amended the bill be passed by both Houses.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
N. CAPISTRANO,
JOSÉ MA. VALLE,
GABRIEL ALBA,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the

two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 37.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission agree to amend its amendment as follows:

Section 1, strike out the words "one hundred and fifty thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred thousand pesos."

Section 2, add at the end thereof the following: "To be entitled to a subsidy under this Act on the route between Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu any steamship company must obligate itself to maintain a vessel or vessels having a minimum sustained speed of twelve miles an hour; equip such vessels with a number of first-class staterooms, not less than twelve if such staterooms can accommodate four passengers each, or with a number of first-class staterooms, not less than twenty-four if they can accommodate two passengers each only; and to provide good, first-class meals for first-class passengers, and good, suitable meals for all other passengers, under the supervision of the superintendent of interisland transportation."

That the verbal amendments necessary to limit the appropriation and term of contracts to three years instead of five be made.

That with these amendments the Assembly concur in the amendment of the Commission.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
VENANCIO CONCEPCIÓN,
GREGORIO NIEVA,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing

annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Araneta introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 185. An Act fixing the date for the general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly and for municipal and provincial officials.

Commission bill No. 185 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1033, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act authorizing the appointment, for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, of certain high school students, subject to the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and appropriating funds for carrying out the purposes of said Act.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1033 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 1, 1912, adopted the following Joint Resolution No. 39, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Joint Resolution prescribing the procedure that should be followed by the Commission and the Assembly in the election of two Resident Commissioners in the United States.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39 was read the first time.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39 was laid on the table.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 647, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act declaring the use of the names or surnames or of the names and surnames of Jose Rizal or of Apolinario Mabini illegal and prohibiting and punishing such use, except under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 647 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioners Araneta, Luzuriaga, and Palma as a select committee for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 902, entitled "An Act establishing a uniform method of entering into a contract and requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the conference committee on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation to meet the obligations of the Insular Government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 638, entitled "An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 953, entitled "An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the measures which should be adopted to combat it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 783, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act repealing the power of the Governor-General

to disqualify any public officer subject to an administrative investigation.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 783 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioners Worcester and Sumulong as a select committee for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 815, entitled "An Act authorizing municipal councils to establish a register of mechanics or day laborers residing in their respective municipalities, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1000, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as The Election Law, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1000 was read the first time by title only and referred to the select committee on Amendments to the Election Law, heretofore appointed, for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 929, entitled "An Act authorizing the Municipal Board of the city of Manila and the Bureau of Public Works to provide for the payment of the compensa-

tion and other expenses to their respective unclassified employees and laborers injured in the performance of their duties, and of a donation in cash to the families of such unclassified employees and laborers dying from injuries resulting from labor accidents."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 956, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to appropriate funds for charitable purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 956 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 138, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six entitled 'An Act defining property in trade-marks and in trade-names and providing for the protection of the same, defining unfair competition and providing remedies against the same, providing registration for trade-marks and trade-names, and defining the effect to be given to registration under the Spanish royal decree of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight relating to the registration of trade-marks, and the effect to be given to registration under this Act,' by providing for the publication of applications for registration of trade-marks and trade-names and for the filing of opposition to such registration by persons considering themselves damaged thereby, and forbidding the importation of certain merchandise, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 122 entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-four entitled 'An Act authorizing the Governor-General to specify by executive order the kinds of native wines or liquors which shall be subject to the prohibitions contained in sections nine and twenty-four of Act Numbered Fifty-nine, entitled "The Manila Liquor Licenses Act," Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Cavite, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors," and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Zambales, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,"' by defining the words 'native wines or liquors' and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, laid on the table Commission Bill No. 185, entitled "An Act fixing the date for the general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly, and for municipal and provincial officials."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1052, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act prohibiting the holding of horse races in the city of Manila on February fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and designating another day therefor, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1052 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Araneta as a select committee for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 146, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act concerning warehouse receipts.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 146 was read the first time by title only and referred to Commissioner Elliott, as a select committee for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 661, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1011, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act making a reimbursable appropriation of one million pesos to aid in the establishment of banks in the provinces and important municipalities of the Philippine Islands, under certain conditions and limitations, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1011 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, adopted the following Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the second session of the Second Philippine Legislature on Thursday, February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock midnight.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The resolution is as follows:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13. Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the Second Session of the Second Philippine Legislature on Thursday, February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock midnight.

Resolved by the Philippine Assembly, the Philippine Commission concurring, That the President of the Commission and the Speaker of the Assembly be, as they are, hereby authorized to close the present session by adjourning *sine die* their respective Houses to-day, Thursday, February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock midnight.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was read once and put upon its passage.

The roll was called and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 655, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled 'An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes,' for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and

also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 755, entitled "An Act to amend sections fifty-five, sixty-six, and one hundred twenty-three of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled 'The Internal Revenue Law.'"

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 977, entitled "An Act authorizing Mauro Prieto and associates to establish a mortgage bank under certain conditions."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 169, entitled "An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and for the appointment of a board of physicians to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane, when the evidence presented is not satisfactory to the court, or when there exists a reasonable doubt as to the condition of any patient confined in a hospital for the insane."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 169 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 129, entitled "An Act authorizing the Supreme Court to control and manage all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual 'court vacation;' and providing for accrued leave for the members of the court in certain cases."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 129 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, agreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 707, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five by granting a donation in money, to be paid from provincial funds, to families of unclassified employees, including laborers, of the provincial government, injured in the clear line of duty."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Sotto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill Numbered Six hundred and forty-eight,

entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Sumulong be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 966, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill Numbered Nine hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Gilbert be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 1, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 947, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for distribution to certain provinces and disbursement for the construction or repair of roads and bridges.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 947 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1029, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Filemón Sotto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill Numbered One thousand and twenty-nine, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Sumulong be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 38.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 135, entitled "An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney and creating, two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its amendment and that both Houses agree to the following amendment in lieu thereof:

Add at the end of the first section of the bill the following: *Provided, however,* That in case one of said positions of assistant attorney becomes vacant after having been once filled the salary of such position shall be reduced to six thousand pesos."

GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
V. SINGSON ENCARNACIÓN,
FRANCISCO ZIALCITA,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 135, entitled "An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 135, entitled "An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of

assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 135 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 39.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 941, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the bill as amended by the Commission be passed by both Houses, with the following amendment:

In section 71 of Act No. 136, as amended by section 3 of this Act, after the words "The justice of the peace of the city of Manila shall receive a salary of three thousand," insert the words "six hundred."

That the bill as above amended be passed by both Houses.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
NEWTON W. GILBERT,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.
V. SINGSON ENCARNACION,
HERMOGENES REYES,
IRINEO JAVIER,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill Numbered Nine hundred and forty-one, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended,

and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 941, entitled "An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, Fourteen hundred and fifty, and Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 874, entitled "An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

At 11 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

A committee of three from the Assembly composed of Delegates Ponce, Grajo, and Lopez Vito were admitted to

the Session Chamber and stated that, in accordance with Concurrent Resolution No. 6 (A. C. R. No. 13), they were ready to unite with a committee of the Commission to announce to the Chief Executive that, in accordance with said resolution, the Legislature would be ready to adjourn at 12 o'clock midnight unless the Chief Executive had some further communication to make to it.

Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Branagan, it was,

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three to unite with the committee of the Assembly in notifying the Chief Executive that, in accordance with Concurrent Resolution Numbered Six of the Second Philippine Legislature, the Legislature would adjourn at 12 o'clock midnight unless the Chief Executive had some further communication to make to it.

The President then appointed Commissioners Palma, Branagan, and Araneta as such committee. The Commission suspended its proceedings while the Governor-General received the committee of the Legislature and informed them that he had no further communication to make at this session.

The Governor-General then delivered to the committee his proclamation calling a special session of the Legislature to convene in Manila on Friday, February 2, 1912, and to continue for four days, exclusive of Sunday.[1]

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointment confirmed in executive session see p. 989.)

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Thursday, February 1, 1912, was approved.

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[1] See *post*, page 681.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE COMMISSION AS A CHAMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

The hour of midnight having arrived, pursuant to Concurrent Resolution No. 6 of the Second Philippine Legislature, the President declared the Commission as a Chamber of the Philippine Legislature adjourned *sine die*.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMISSION ACTING WITHIN ITS EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL THAT PART OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS INHABITED BY MOROS OR OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBES.

Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Araneta,

The Commission, acting within its exclusive legislative jurisdiction over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Approved:

W. CAMERON FORBES, *President.*

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

Begun and held in the city of Manila on Friday, the 2d day of February, 1912.

In accordance with a proclamation issued by the Governor-General on February 1, 1912, the Commission met and was called to order by the President at 4 o'clock postmeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF PROCLAMATION.

At the direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation of the Governor-General:

BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—A PROCLAMATION.

No. 1.

Whereas the second session of the Second Philippine Legislature will, by operation of law, terminate on February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, and

Whereas there have been but eighty-six days in the present session, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, four working days having been lost in the Christmas recess; and

Whereas certain important matters are still to be considered:

Now, therefore, I, W. Cameron Forbes, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section seven of the Act of Congress dated July first, nineteen hundred and

two, do hereby order that a special session of the Philippine Legislature be convened in the city of Manila on the second day of February, nineteen hundred and twelve, said session to endure from February second to February sixth, exclusive of Sunday, February fourth, to consider only those bills which have been passed by one House of the Legislature but which have not yet been approved by the other, and such other matters as may be submitted hereafter from time to time by executive message before the closing of the special session herein provided for.

Done at the city of Manila this first day of February, nineteen hundred and twelve.

[SEAL.] W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

By the Governor-General:
FRANK W. CARPENTER, *Executive Secretary.*

Ordered spread upon the Journal.

The Secretary then read the following special message from the Governor-General:

MANILA, *February 2, 1912.*

GENTLEMEN: By virtue of authority contained in section seven of Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, I hereby submit for consideration of the Philippine Legislature all the bills and the subject matters thereof which, passed by one house, had been modified and passed by the other, but upon which no report had been made by a conference committee at the close of the last session.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

To the PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

Ordered spread upon the Journal.

Pending the receipt of a message to the effect that the Assembly had organized and was ready to proceed to business, the Commission, by unanimous consent, proceeded with the regular order of business.

INFORMAL CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Commission then engaged in an informal discussion with the members who are Secretaries of Departments on the subject of the appropriation for 1913.

Presently the Secretary of the Assembly appeared and stated that he had been instructed to announce to the Commission that a quorum of the Assembly was present and ready for the transaction of business.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ASSEMBLY.

Thereupon on motion by the President it was

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the Assembly that the Commission is assembled and ready to proceed to business.

The Secretary then repaired to the Assembly Hall and notified the Assembly accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY BY COMMITTEE.

Delegates Reyes, Fuentebella, and H. Villanueva were announced, and being admitted to the Session Chamber stated that they had been appointed a special committee of three to join a similar committee of the Commission to wait upon the Governor-General and notify him that the Legislature was ready for business and awaited any communication that he might desire to make.

Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Gilbert, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Commission be, and is hereby, requested to appoint a committee of three to meet the committee appointed by the Assembly for the purpose of waiting upon the Governor-General.

Commissioners Elliott, Sumulong, and Branagan were appointed as such committee.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 87. *Resolved*, That all bills passed by the Commission during the session of the Legislature just ended which have not yet been finally disposed of by the Legislature be reintroduced, read once by title, and put upon their passage.

Resolved further, That for convenience of record, all such bills retain their original numbers.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and in accordance therewith the following bills were read by title and unanimously passed:

25. An Act providing for and regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized; the surrender of certificates of ownership of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, and lost; and providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions, repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes.

35. An Act to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year and to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government.

109. An Act to correct an error in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as The Opium Act, by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes."

112. An Act to amend Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the Philippine Customs Administrative Act, by including vessels within the provisions of sections three hundred and twenty-two and three hundred and twenty-three thereof, and by making it the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the city of Manila to prosecute violations of the customs laws in said city.

117. An Act to amend section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-eight by providing that any Government property in any rented building be included as within the terms of said Act.

121. An Act to amend section ninety-one of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by increasing the percentage of alcohol that wine may contain and still be subject to the lower tax rate per gauge liter.

124. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles.

125. An Act making it unlawful, without authority from the Director of Navigation, to establish, erect or maintain in the navigable waters of the Philippine Islands, any light as an aid to navigation or any other aid to navigation similar to any of those maintained by the Bureau of Navigation, and providing a penalty therefor.

126. An Act to amend section eleven of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of a commissioned and enlisted service within the Bureau of Navigation, the creation of a pension fund in connection therewith, and for the punishment of offenses against good order and discipline within such service," by authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police, with the approval of the Governor-General, to designate any commissioned officer to act as summary court officer.

131. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Manila," by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum.

143. An Act amending section nineteen of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Land Registration Act," as amended, by providing that an executor or administrator duly appointed under the laws of the Philippine Islands may on behalf of the estate of the deceased make application for the registration of title.

148. An Act to amend sections eight and seventeen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law, as amended, by providing a scale of fees to be collected for the filing of articles of incorporation and for the filing of certificates of increase of capital stock.

149. An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the Philippine Islands.

151. An Act amending Act Numbered eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code," by authorizing municipal councils to close municipal roads, streets, alleys, parks, or squares for governmental purposes.

154. An Act amending section six of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, known as the Land Registration Act, as amended, by providing that in the absence of the judge of the Court of Land Registration his duties shall be performed by the senior associate judge.

157. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell certain lands with their equipment which are now occupied by the Bureau of Agriculture as experiment stations and setting aside the proceeds from the sales thereof for the purpose of establishing and maintaining demonstration farms by the Bureau of Agriculture and for other purposes.

158. An Act to provide funds for the treatment of poor persons in the Philippine General Hospital, and for other purposes.

160. An Act amending Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled "The Public Land Act," by providing that persons, associations, and corporations may acquire by purchase certain public lands not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent for purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, and that provinces, municipalities or other municipal corporations may acquire by purchase certain public lands for cemetery or park purposes not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent, and for other purposes.

161. An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by extending the provisions of said subsection to civilian employees of the United States, by providing for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of certain funds of deceased Americans remaining on deposit in the Postal Savings Bank and by conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States.

164. An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

165. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the buildings and other property known as the Insular Cold Storage and Ice Plant and to lease the land on which the same is situated, appropriating the money received therefor, and amending section nine of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifteen, as amended, by authorizing the fixing of the price of ice, distilled water and cold storage produced in said plant.

166. An Act amending section three hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the "Philippine Customs Administrative Act," by providing that compensation to informers and seizing officers shall be paid with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, by punishing certain persons who fail to report to a collector of customs any information in their possession concerning any fraud upon the customs revenue and for other purposes.

172. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health," by removing the restriction as to the number of nurses of each sex that may be admitted during any one year.

174. An Act changing the name of the municipality of Salasa, Province of Pangasinan, to Osmeña.

175. An Act amending the second paragraph of the first subsection of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven by omitting certain routes over which railroads are to be constructed and repealing the third paragraph of the first subsection of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven, as amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

181. An Act authorizing the establishment of an Agricultural Bank under the guarantees authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

182. An Act authorizing the granting of revocable licenses to construct and operate tramways on public roads and for other purposes.

184. An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty thousand pesos for the maintenance, alteration, and repair of public buildings, including leased buildings the contract for which provides that the maintenance, alteration, and repairs shall be made at the expense of the Government.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 6 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock antemeridian on Saturday, February 2, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Special Session of 1912.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Friday, February 2, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 2, 1912, passed the following bills (which were passed during the Second Session and not finally disposed of by the Commission), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission:

146	647	751	837	937	949	975	996	1014	1029	1040	1048
163	648	770	868	939	954	981	998	1015	1030	1041	1049
209	658	783	901	940	956	983	999	1020	1031	1042	1051
497	673	798	905	943	961	985	1000	1022	1033	1043	1052
603	704	822	924	946	966	987	1001	1025	1037	1044	1053
611	733	823	925	947	970	988	1011	1026	1038	1046	
612	741	827	931	948	973	994	1013	1027	1039	1047	

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing bills of the Assembly were read once by title and referred as follows:

Assembly Bill No. 146. An Act concerning warehouse receipts.

Referred to Commissioner Elliott as a select committee, for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 163. An Act regulating the employment of women and children in factories, workshops, and mines.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 209. An Act amending section seven of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family,.and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act."

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 497. An Act on Marriage and Divorce.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Luzuriaga, Araneta, and Palma for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 603. An Act declaring the Ports of Tabaco and Legaspi, Province of Albay, ports of entry.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 612. An Act providing for the organization of agricultural colonies at uninhabited points in the Philippine Islands under the direction of the Bureau of Labor and appropriating funds for that purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 647. An Act declaring the use of the names or surnames or of the names and surnames of José Rizal or of Apolinario Mabini illegal and prohibiting and punishing such use, except under certain conditions.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Luzuriaga for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 658. An Act providing for the establishment of a bathing establishment at Manliluag, Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan, creating a permanent position for a resident physician therefor, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 673. An Act repealing certain provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings."

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 704. An Act making the civil-service privileges extensive to the municipal treasurers of provinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 733. An Act amending subsection (*c*) of section six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty relating to cattle quarantines.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 741. An Act appropriating Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health."

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 751. An Act amending General Orders Numbered Fifty-eight by making provision for assessors to sit in the trial of criminal causes in courts of First Instance outside of the city of Manila.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 770. An Act authorizing both Houses of the Philippine Legislature to designate the persons who shall administer oaths to their respective members and officers, and authorizing the secretaries of said Houses to administer oaths to their subordinate employees and in official matters without charge.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 783. An Act repealing the power of the Governor-General to disqualify any public officer subject to an administrative investigation.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Sumulong and Worcester for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 798. An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of Health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called "Health Fund" for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 822. An Act to authorize the creation of rural associations subsidized by the Government in each of the municipalities and townships of the Philippine Islands, for the purpose of fostering rural industries and agricultural production, creating for that purpose a special fund in the Insular Treasury that shall be derived chiefly from customs duties on imported rice, or, in default thereof, from the Gold Standard Fund, or from the General Fund in the Insular Treasury.

Referred to Commissioner Branagan as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 823. An Act appropriating funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated to aid municipalities in establishing and maintaining intermediate schools, under certain conditions.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 827. An Act granting to the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat and power system, and to install, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 837. An Act creating a commission to secure, organize and make an exhibit of Philippine Products, Manufactures, Art, Ethnology, and Education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 868. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code" as amended, authorizing councilors to appoint as barrio lieutenants and substitutes therefor persons who are not qualified electors in case other persons duly qualified as such can not be found to accept the appointment and granting such appointees certain compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 901. An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ninety, as amended, and ratifying and confirming all executive orders, of the Governor-General extending the area subject to the disposition, administration, and authority of the Committee appointed under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended, and the Acts of said Committee in the premises.

Referred to Commissioner Palma as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 905. An Act prescribing the procedure in all cases of the detention or arrest of male offenders under twenty-one years and of female offenders under twenty-five years of age, as well as the form of trial and criminal proceedings against them; containing also provisions relative to the correction of minors rebellious to paternal authority and the detention or arrest of older persons.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 925. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-four in the sense of authorizing the exercise of the right of eminent domain for general purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 931. An Act providing for the reorganization of the Courts of First Instance.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 937. An Act authorizing the provinces and subprovinces of the Philippine Islands to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of the Philippines or any other official educational centers in Manila.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 939. An Act fixing the second Sunday of October of each year for the celebration of the local fiesta of the Municipality of Casiguran.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 943. An Act regarding public auctions.

Referred to Commissioner Branagan as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 947. An Act appropriating the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise

appropriated, for distribution to certain provinces and disbursement for the construction or repair of roads and bridges.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 948. An Act providing for the appointment of a Committee of Three to investigate and make a report and recommendations on the situation of the Filipino laborers who have emigrated to the Hawaiian Islands, appropriating the sum of six thousand pesos from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the expenses and per diems of said Committee, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 949. An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 954. An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 956. An Act to appropriate funds for charitable purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 961. An Act amending section twenty-two of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by section one of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-one, so that the office hours in all bureaus and offices in the Philippine Civil Service and in the city of Manila shall be seven hours, and that the same may be reduced to five from the first of April, and not before, to the fifteenth of June, and not later, of each year, and providing means for the strict observance of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 970. An Act amending the conditions under which funds appropriated for the construction of schools in the municipalities and barrios of the Philippine Islands shall be available for expenditure.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 973. An Act appropriating the sum of twelve thousand pesos, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for expenditure for the purchase of seeds of food plants by the Bureau of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands and their shipment and distribution to the municipalities or persons making application therefor, under certain conditions.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 975. An Act creating a committee for the investigation of the public services.

Referred to Commissioner Gilbert as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 981. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "The Labor Accidents Law," and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 983. An Act to prevent the introduction into the Philippine Islands of plant diseases and epidemics.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 985. An Act providing that a coast guard cutter of the Insular Government shall make fortnightly trips from the ports of Cebu, Iloilo and Bohol to any of the points in the Provinces of Agusan, Surigao and Moro Province, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 987. An Act authorizing municipalities to designate the dates for the fiestas of consolidated pueblos, under certain conditions.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 988. An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 994. An Act creating the "Bureau of Land Registration," and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 996. An Act to amend subsection (*a*) of section twenty-five of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, known as The Revised Civil Service Act.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 998. An Act authorizing the municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, again to change the celebration of its local fiesta.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1000. An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the "Election Law," and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Election Law heretofore appointed for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1001. An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor

vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights.

Referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1011. An Act making a permanent reimbursable appropriation of one million pesos to aid in the establishment of banks in the important provinces and municipalities of the Philippine Islands, under certain conditions and restrictions, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1013. An Act authorizing the municipality of Ibajay, Province of Capiz, to again change the date of its municipal fiesta.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1014. An Act providing for the purchase, administration and sale of a certain estate situate in the province of Cavite.

Referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1015. An Act authorizing an appropriation of five hundred and seventy-five thousand pesos for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen for the University of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1020. An Act providing that the provisions of existing law requiring purchases to be made through the Bureau of Supply and the Philippines Library Board and printing to be done by the Bureau of Printing, and certain provisions of section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, shall not be applicable to the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1025. An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-three, entitled "An Act to provide fire protection in municipalities having no paid fire department."

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1026. An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called "Cajas de Comunidad," and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1027. An Act declaring exempt from the Civil Service Examination all licentiates and doctors of medicine duly qualified by the Board of Medical Examiners for the Philippine Islands for the performance of the duties of Health Officer, sanitary inspector, and surgeon in the Philippine Constabulary.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

Assembly Bill No. 1031. An Act to amend article eleven of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1033. An Act authorizing the appointment, for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, of certain High School Students, subject to the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and approppriating funds for carrying out the purposes of said Act.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1037. An Act clarifying subsection (*c*) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code."

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1038. An Act to encourage and favor the planting and cultivation of rice and maize, by refunding the amount

of the land tax on land planted in said grains, under certain conditions.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Branagan, and Palma for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1039. An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Commissioners Araneta, Palma, and Branagan for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1040. An Act amending section (*i*) of section forty of the Municipal Code.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1041. An Act amending paragraph (*b*) of section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An Act creating the fidelity bond premium fund, providing for assurance against losses, shortages, and defalcations by officers or employees accountable for public funds and public property, and for other purposes," by extending the provisions of said Act so as to include all employees in the offices of Municipal Treasurers.

Referred to Commissioner Sumulong as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1042. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Three hundred and forty-five, entitled "An Act designating the days which shall be observed as public holidays in the Philippine Islands," as amended, so as to declare the first Tuesday of June nineteen hundred and twelve and of each fourth year thereafter an official holiday.

Referred to Commissioner Gilbert as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1043. An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos to be expended in testing the special formula of Doctor Eliodoro Mercado for the cure of leprosy, and appointing a technical committee to report on cases of said disease reported as cured up to the present time.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1044. An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, entitled "An Act providing for the consolidation of all libraries belonging to any branch of the Philippine Insular Government for the creation of 'The Philippines Library,' and for the maintenance and regulation of the same, and for other purposes," by fixing the status of the Libraries of both Houses of the Legislature.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1046. An Act authorizing and confirming certain payments made from the road and bridge fund of the Province of Cebu by Eugene Garnett, Provincial Treasurer of Cebu and by C. D. Upington, Acting Provincial Treasurer of the same province.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1047. An Act establishing the qualifications for appointment in the various departments and bureaus of the Government of the Philippine Islands.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1048. An Act authorizing the appointment of certain high school students as Government pupils while pursuing courses of training for teaching, and authorizing expenditure for such pupils from funds designated by section twenty-six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, as amended, and appropriating funds for the support of such students.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1049. An Act appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to the Bureau of Education as a loan fund for aid to provinces for permanent provincial school improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1051. An Act amending section forty-three (*j*) of the municipal code as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-four, so as to authorize the free traffic of certain

sledges over improved roads and of other kinds of sledges only for crossing such improved roads from one side to the other.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1052. An Act prohibiting the holding of horse races in the city of Manila on February fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and designating another day therefor, and for other purposes.

Referred to Commissioner Araneta as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1053. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and thirty-seven of the Philippine Commission regulating horse racing in the Philippine Islands.

Referred to Commissioner Gilbert as a select committee for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1022. An Act making appropriation for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

Referred to select committee consisting of the members of the Commission who are heads of departments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 1030. An Act making appropriations for Public Works.

Referred to select committee consisting of the members of the Commission who are heads of departments for report and recommendation.

Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment made thereto during the second session and appearing on the certificate attached thereto.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved that the title be amended to read as follows:

An Act to provide a system for the appropriation of public waters, and for the determining of existing rights thereto; for the public registration of all water rights; for the creation and use of water power; for investigations for, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of, irrigation systems by the Government of the Philippine Islands; for the repayment of money expended therefor; for the construction, maintenance, and operation of irrigation systems by private persons; for the inspection and regulation of all works pertaining to the use of water; and providing penalties for its violation; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Commissioner Elliott moved that in view of the fact that the Assembly had disagreed to this amendment during the second session, that to save time a conference be requested immediately and that the managers heretofore designated be reappointed.

The motion prevailed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment made thereto during the second session and appearing on the certificate attached thereto.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that in view of the fact that the Assembly had disagreed to this amendment during the second session, that to save time a conference be requested immediately and that the managers heretofore designated be reappointed.

The motion prevailed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

Assembly Bill No. 924, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commision with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, line 6, strike out the words "public officials and private parties" and insert in lieu thereof the words "persons visiting the springs;" line 7, strike out the words "committee hereinafter created" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial board."

Section 3, strike out in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 3. The provincial board shall have power to make the necessary provision for the construction with the funds authorized by law, of a wagon road from the población of the municipality of Barili to the site of the Boloc-Boloc springs, trace new streets and extend such of the existing streets as it may see fit, and make any other improvements it may deem necessary within the zone reserved by the Governor-General for the purposes of this Act; and may, with the approval of the Governor-General expropriate the property necessary therefor,"

Section 4, strike out in its entirety.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 946, entitled "An Act providing for the creation of seventy scholarships, at least one for each of the provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, known as The Provincial Government

Act, and for the special provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, in the Government Forest School established at Los Baños, La Laguna, and appropriating twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pesos and fifty centavos for such purpose," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted, and the bill ordered on file for third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 966, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment made thereto during the second session and appearing on the certificate attached thereto.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that the title be amended to read as follows:

An Act amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the use of the Spanish language in certain cases after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Commissioner Gilbert moved that in view of the fact that the Assembly had disagreed to this amendment during the second session, that to save time a conference be requested immediately and that the managers heretofore designated be reappointed.

The motion prevailed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

Assembly Bill No. 940, entitled "An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment made thereto during the second session and appearing on the certificate attached thereto.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed and the title read and approved.

Commissioner Araneta moved that in view of the fact that the Assembly had disagreed to this amendment during the second session, that to save time a conference be requested immediately and that the managers heretofore designated be reappointed.

The motion prevailed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating

funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen," was read the first time and ordered on file for second reading.

Assembly Bill No. 1029, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the amendment made thereto during the second session and appearing on the certificate attached thereto.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved that the title be amended to read as follows:

An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Commissioner Araneta moved that in view of the fact that the Assembly had disagreed to this amendment during the second session, that to save time a conference be requested immediately and that the managers heretofore designated be reappointed.

The motion prevailed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly accordingly.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 2, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 124, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles."

The bill, with amendment certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.[1]

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

FEBRUARY 3, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 3, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 148, entitled "An Act to amend sections eight and seventeen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as 'the Corporation Law,' as amended, by providing a scale of fees to be collected for the filing of articles of incorporation and for the filing of certificates of increase of capital stock."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 148 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 3, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 3, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 161, entitled "An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by extending the provisions of said subsection to civilian employees of the United States, by providing for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of certain funds of deceased Americans remaining on deposit in the Postal Savings Bank and by conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as

[1] This amendment is the same as that made by the Assembly during the second session. See ante, pages 596–604.

may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 161, be enrolled and printed as an Act.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 436.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 956, entitled "An Act to appropriate funds for charitable purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee on Appropriations.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert,

Consideration was postponed until Monday, February 5, 1912.

[Committee Report No. 437.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1049, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to the Bureau of Education as a loan fund for aid to provinces for permanent provincial school improvements," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid upon the table.

If the revenues of the Government were sufficiently large your committee would be earnest in its support of this bill, but it is

believed that at this time they do not permit of the appropriation herein contemplated.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 438.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 733, entitled "An Act amending subsection (*c*) of section six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty relating to cattle quarantines," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid upon the table.

Your committee calls attention to the attached statement of the Director of Agriculture to the effect that the passage of the proposed amendment of Act No. 1760 would greatly handicap his Bureau in its fight against contagious animal diseases. He states that at the present time less than 1 per cent of the domestic animals are in any manner restrained in their free movement, and that if this small restraint were removed animals apparently in good health would, without doubt, carry rinderpest germs over wide areas which have now been freed from infection.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 439.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1048, entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment of certain high-school students as government pupils while pursuing courses of training for teaching, and authorizing expenditure for such pupils from funds designated by section twenty-six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, as

amended, and appropriating funds for the support of such students," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Assembly Bill No. 1033 passed by that body on the 1st of February appropriates ₱30,000 for continuing the work already inaugurated by Act No. 1983, which evidently is the purpose of this bill. It would appear, therefore, that to pass this bill would be merely to duplicate the appropriation, which, of course, is not desired.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 440.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 970, entitled "An Act amending the conditions under which funds appropriated for the construction of schools in the municipalities and barrios of the Philippine Islands shall be available for expenditure," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The law providing funds for the construction of barrio school buildings was drafted originally with the intention of housing the smaller schools, and the maximum allotment to any one municipality was placed at ₱4,000. This amount has subsequently been raised to ₱5,000, which sum, it is believed, is as much as the Government should contribute to any one project. If the Insular Government allots each year ₱250,000 to municipalities for the construction of barrio school buildings there will be some fifty buildings erected a year, and it is believed that this is the minimum which we should endeavor to obtain if we are in any measure and within any reasonable time adequately to house our public schools.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 441.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1033, entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, of certain high-school students, subject to the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and appropriating funds for carrying out the purposes of said Act," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill do pass.

This is to continue the extremely important work which has heretofore been inaugurated in the endeavor to improve the teaching personnel of the Bureau of Education.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1033 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 442.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1042, entitled "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Three hundred and forty-five, entitled 'An Act designating the days which shall be observed as public holidays in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, so as to declare the first Tuesday of June, nineteen hundred and twelve, and of each fourth year thereafter an official holiday," has examined

the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to make election day a public holiday, and your committee knows of no objection to this procedure.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Consideration of the bill was postponed until Monday, February 5, 1912.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 443.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufacures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be passed, with the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. For the purpose of securing, organizing and making an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, education, customs and habits of the people, and the organization, methods, work and condition of the Government of the Philippine Islands at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in San Francisco, California, United States of America, in nineteen hundred and fifteen, there shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, a Board to consist of three members, hereinafter called the Board. The Governor-General at the time of the appointment of the members of the Board shall designate one thereof as Chairman, and one as Secretary of the Board, and another as Director-General. Each member of the Board shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand pesos, and the member serving also as Director-General shall receive for such services the additional sum of four thousand pesos per annum. Any two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

"The Board shall have an office in the city of Manila, to be assigned to it by the Governor-General, in some available building, and shall adopt rules for its meetings and the discharge of its business."

Strike out the words "San Francisco Exposition," wherever they occur and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "Panama-Pacific International Exposition."

Strike out all of section 9.

In section 10, lines 4 and 5, strike out the words "of the Coast Guard fleet," and insert in lieu thereof the words "of the Bureau of Navigation."

Strike out the word "Exposition" before the word "Board" in line 17, section 4; in line 13, section 8; in line 6, section 10; in line 12, section 11, and in lines 24 and 27, section 13.

Strike out all of section 12, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 11. The Board shall render a monthly report of the work done by it to the Governor-General, and a quarterly account of its receipts and expenditures to the Insular Auditor.

"Not later than the end of the fifteenth day of each regular session of the Legislature, the Board shall render to the Philippine Legislature a complete and detailed report of all the work done by it to the date of said report, specifying in detail it expenditures and disbursements, and giving the exact condition of its funds and accounts."

In section 13, line 28, after the word "bond," insert the following: "The Governor-General may detail an officer or employee of the Government of the Philippine Islands to act as disbursing officer for the Board, and in such case no compensation other than that received by him from the Government shall be paid him by the Board."

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered on file for second reading.

[Committee Report No. 444.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 968, entitled "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled 'An Act to equalize and secure uniformity in salaries of provincial Governors and Treasurers' as regards those of the Provinces of Bohol, Samar and Nueva

Ecija," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That said bill be laid on the table.

Judging by the title of this bill, its purpose is to equalize the salaries of the provincial governors and treasurers of Bohol, Samar, and Nueva Ecija, respectively, with the salaries paid to officials of the same rank in the provinces mentioned in Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-one, as determined in paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of section one thereof. However, inasmuch as the Province of Misamis, which, according to existing legislation, belongs to the class (*d*) provinces, has been omitted in the text of the bill discussed, your committee is of the opinion that the bill passed by the Assembly should not be passed by the Commission for the present, as it has a defect which is that it deprives the governor and treasurer of said province of their respective salaries.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 445.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on January 6, 1912, Resolution No. 10 of the convention of municipal presidents of the Province of Pangasinan, petitioning for the enactment of legislation authorizing the municipal council to appropriate funds for rewarding persons giving information leading to the arrest of cattle thieves, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That said resolution be laid on the table.

The resolution of the convention of municipal presidents of the Province of Pangasinan is well worthy of attention and consideration, but generally the revenues of the municipalities are very small, and on the other hand the purposes for which their general funds are to be used are very strictly defined, so that the appropriation of funds of that nature for rewarding persons who give information regarding cattle thieves will offer difficulties unless and until there is a change in the economic situation of the immense majority of the municipalities. Moreover, would it not be better, instead of rewarding informers, to impose penalties upon persons aiding and abet-

ting cattle thieves or failing to assist the police in effecting the arrest of the criminal or criminals?

Such is the opinion of your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 446.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1052, entitled "An Act prohibiting the holding of horse races in the city of Manila on February fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and designating another day therefor, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Your committee cannot see the purpose of this bill, unless it be to prohibit horse racing while the Carnival is in session, and this reason does not appear to be a sufficient one for the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

RECESS.

At 12 o'clock and 40 minutes postmeridian, the President declared a recess until 4 o'clock postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 4 o'clock postmeridian, the Commission reconvened. The President in the chair.

[Committee Report No. 447.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of five, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1022, entitled "An

Act making an appropriation for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of Commission Bill No. 132, after making the following deductions:

Bureau of Health, reduce ₱88,000;
Bureau of Lands, reduce ₱12,000;
Bureau of Constabulary, reduce ₱60,000;
Bureau of Posts, reduce ₱60,000;
Bureau of Navigation, reduce ₱121,000;
Bureau of Labor, reduce ₱3,000;
Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, reduce ₱6,000;
Bureau of Agriculture, reduce ₱150,000;

making a total reduction of ₱500,000.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,[1]
Committee.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1022 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be respectively necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in compensation for the services of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, unless otherwise stated:

[1] Representing the President of the Commission.

"LEGISLATIVE.

"COMMISSION.

"SEC. 2. For salaries, as follows: President and four Commissioners, at ten thousand pesos per annum each; four Commissioners, not secretaries of departments, at fifteen thousand pesos per annum each: *Provided,* That should a new executive department be created, the Commissioner who is appointed secretary thereof shall receive, as Commissioner, a salary not to exceed ten thousand pesos per annum; Secretary of the Commission, at six thousand pesos per annum; four private secretaries, at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; in all, one hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred pesos.

"PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY.

"SEC. 3. For salary of the Speaker of the Assembly, at sixteen thousand pesos per annum; per diems of thirty pesos each during ninety days for Delegates; Secretary of the Assembly, six thousand pesos per annum: *Provided,* That when a Delegate is selected for this office he shall receive two thousand pesos per annum while holding said office in addition to his per diems as Delegate; private secretary to the Speaker, four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; per diems of thirty pesos each for each day upon which such Committee meets to Delegates who are members of the Joint Committee of the Legislature, whose number shall be fixed by the President of the Commission and the Speaker of the Aseembly, and which shall sit during the recess of the Legislature for the same purpose as the committee authorized by section ten of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for salaries and compensations of subordinate personnel, which, with the exception of the Secretary, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Assembly may be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly during the recess of the Legislature, but only to act during said recess, unless the Assembly provides otherwise; salaries and wages of officers and employees of other departments of the Government who, at the request of the Assembly or of the Speaker, and with consent of their respective chiefs shall have rendered or shall render services to the Assembly in addition to their regular duties; for such accrued leaves as may be granted to officers and employees in the office of the Secretary of the Assembly, whether their compensation be on an annual rate or on a per diem rate, in accordance with Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and twenty-two, which is hereby declared to be of retroactive effect and as of October sixteenth, nineteen hundred and seven; for traveling expenses of Delegates and per diems for traveling expenses of subordinate employees while traveling on official business; rent of buildings; furniture; equipment,

including uniforms for officers, pages, and messengers of the Assembly; stationery; printing and binding; postage, cablegrams, and telegrams, including those that the Assembly or the Speaker thereof shall address to or receive from either of the two Resident Commissioners in the United States; purchase of books for the library and installation of the library; electric current and telephones; repairs to buildings and furniture; transportation of officers and employees, and transportation and carriage of property; incidental expenses; in all, four hundred and fifty thousand pesos.

"Private secretaries to the Resident Commissioners to the United States:

"SEC. 4. For the balance necessary, over and above the amount provided by the Congress of the United States, to make the salaries of the private secretaries to the Resident Commissioners to the United States four thousand pesos per annum each, and for the traveling expenses of such private secretaries; in all, three thousand pesos.

"EXECUTIVE.

"SEC. 5. For salaries, as follows: Governor-General, at thirty thousand pesos per annum; five secretaries of executive departments, at twenty-one thousand pesos per annum each; one Secretary to the Governor-General, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one private secretary to the Governor-General, at five thousand pesos per annum; five private secretaries at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; for per diems of ten pesos for each of the officers detailed as aid-de-camp to the Governor-General: in all, one hundred seventy-two thousand seven hundred and thirty-two pesos.

"EXECUTIVE BUREAU.

"SEC. 6. For salaries, wages, and other expenses as follows: Executive Secretary, at eighteen thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Executive Secretary, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Second Assistant Executive Secretary, at seven thousand pesos per annum; two Special Agents, at eight thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; one chief clerk, at six thousand pesos per annum; one assistant chief clerk, at five thousand pesos per annum; chief of the division of archives, patents, copyrights and trade-marks; chief of translating division, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one assistant chief of translating division, at five thousand pesos per annum; chief of the division of legislative records; one chief of records division, at five thousand pesos per annum; one assistant chief of records division, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one chief of provincial division, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one assistant chief of provincial division, class nine; one chief of miscellaneous division, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; four clerks, class five; nine clerks, class six; eight clerks, class seven; one clerk, at three thousand pesos per annum; five clerks, class eight;

six clerks, class nine; five clerks, class ten; nine clerks, Class A; three clerks, Class B; six clerks, Class C; eighteen clerks, Class D; five clerks, Class E; seven clerks, Class F; three clerks, Class G; ten clerks, Class H; nine clerks, Class I; two clerks, Class J; fifteen special messengers, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; twenty messengers, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; two messengers, at three hundred pesos per annum each; one messenger, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; one janitor, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one watchman, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two laborers, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; two laborers, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; ten laborers, at three hundred pesos per annum each; four laborers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Miscellaneous:

"For reimbursement to Judiciary appropriation account services of reporter of the Supreme Court and office force in compiling the Acts of the Legislature, the Official Gazette, and so forth; for hire of temporary employees, including translators; for accrued leaves of absence; for salary allowances of employees appointed outside of the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street car tickets and emergency transportation; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; Ayuntamiento equipment and repairs; telephone rent; advertising; subscriptions to newspapers; for a fund to be expended in the discretion of the Governor-General; electric lighting; janitor supplies, including ice and water; for official and contingent expenses in connection with the residences of the Governor-General, and other incidental expenses; in all five hundred and fifty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty pesos.

"BUREAU OF AUDITS.

"SEC. 7. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows; Insular Auditor, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Deputy Insular Auditor, at eight thousand pesos per annum; two Assistant Auditors, at seven thousand pesos per annum each; chief district auditor, at seven thousand pesos per annum.

"One clerk, class two; seven clerks, class three; eleven clerks, class four; eleven clerks, class five; eleven clerks, class six; nine clerks, class seven; five clerks, class eight; three clerks, class nine; three clerks, class ten; two clerks, Class A; three clerks, Class B; three clerks, Class C; five clerks, Class D; ten clerks, Class E; thirteen clerks, Class F; seventeen clerks, Class G; twelve clerks,

Class H; seventeen clerks, Class I; twenty-nine clerks, Class J; seven clerks, Class K; two clerks, at three hundred pesos per annum each; eight clerks and messengers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; temporary employees; for contingent expenses, including expenses of personnel; per diems and traveling expenses; transportation of supplies; office expenses, stationery, and printing; purchase of office furniture and fixtures; proportion of expenses of the Intendencia Building; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; special service; maintenance of land transportation equipment; maintenance of furniture and fixtures; salaries and expenses of such personnel as may be authorized by the Governor-General for the audit of railway accounts in compliance with existing regulations; and other incidental expenses; in all, four hundred and eight thousand nine hundred and forty pesos.

"BUREAU OF CIVIL SERVICE.

"SEC. 8. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Civil Service, at eight thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one examiner, class one; two examiners, class three; one examiner, class four; one examiner, class five; one examiner, class six; one examiner, class seven; one examiner, class eight; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class B; two clerks, Class C; three clerks, Class D; two clerks, Class F; six clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; one clerk, Class I; one clerk, Class J; one messenger, Class J; one messenger at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; two messengers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; temporary employees, accrued leaves, salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands, and for contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office equipment, furniture, and books; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; care and maintenance of office bluildings; rent of telephones; *Provided,* That the cost of cablegrams sent at the request of other branches of the Government shall be borne by the office making such request; in all, seventy-seven thousand pesos.

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

"BUREAU OF HEALTH.

"SEC. 9. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"General office:

"Director of Health, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum.

"Inspection division:

"One Assistant Director, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one district health officer, at five thousand pesos per annum; four district health officers, at four thousand pesos per annum each; two district health officers, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; two district health officers, at three thousand pesos per annum each; three district health officers at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; three district health officers, at two thousand seven hundred pesos per annum each; twelve district health officers, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; one district health officer for Batanes, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one district health officer, at two thousand pesos per annum; one district health officer, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one district health officer at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one medical inspector at five thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one medical inspector, at five thousand pesos per annum; one medical inspector, at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; three medical inspectors, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; thirteen medical inspectors, at four thousand pesos per annum each; two school physicians, at four thousand pesos per annum each; fifteen junior medical inspectors, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; one clerk, class seven; one sanitary inspector, class nine; five employees, at thirty pesos per month each; eleven employees, at twenty pesos per month each; internes, nine thousand four hundred pesos; *Provided,* That internes may be allowed subsistence, quarters and laundry in kind, with or without other compensation and at the expense of the hospitals or other institutions at which said internes shall be assigned to duty: *And provided further,* That said internes shall be selected by the Director of Health after competitive examination to be prescribed by him, and the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight shall not apply to these positions; and that in the event of the selection of a person for appointment residing outside the Philippine Islands, such person shall be entitled to actual and necessary traveling expenses from his place of residence to Manila, and after two years' satisfactory service, he shall be entitled to actual and necessary traveling expenses from Manila to his place of residence, if such expense be not greater than to place of appointment: *And provided further,* That any medical officer of the United States or Philippine Government, when detailed by the Director for duty in hospitals of the Bureau of Health, may be allowed subsistence, quarters and laundry; *And provided further,* That all persons rendering service in any hospitals of the Bureau of Health may be allowed subsistence, quarters and laundry: *And provided further,* That all persons rendering service in any hospital of the Bureau are under the direction of the Director of Health. The

provisions of this paragraph shall be considered permanent legislation until specifically amended or repealed.

"Sanitary engineering division:

"One sanitary engineer, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one assistant sanitary engineer, class nine; one clerk, class nine; seven sanitary inspectors, at two thousand two hundred eighty pesos per annum each; one clerk, Class G; one junior draftsman, Class F.

"Statistical division:

"One chief of division, at five thousand pesos per annum; one interpreter and translator, class eight; two clerks, Class C; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J.

"Clerical division:

"One chief of division, class three; one clerk, class six; five clerks, class seven; two clerks, class nine; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; two clerks, Class H; one clerk, Class I; three clerks, Class K; four employees, at thirty pesos per month each; one employee, at twenty pesos per month.

"Property division:

"One property clerk, class four; one clerk, class nine; one clerk, Class F; three clerks, Class I; one employee, at thirty-five pesos per month, four employees, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Vaccination division:

"For the employment of sanitary inspectors in the city of Manila and in the provinces, under such restrictions as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Sanitary stations:

"One sanitary inspector, class nine; six sanitary inspectors, at two thousand two hundred and eighty-pesos per annum each; three municipal physicians, at one hundred and forty-one pesos and sixty-seven centavos per month each; five municipal physicians, at one hundred and twenty-five pesos per month each; ten assistant sanitary inspectors, at sixty pesos per month each; ninety assistant sanitary inspectors, at fifty pesos per month each.

"Disinfecting division:

"One disinfector, class nine; two assistant disinfectors, Class A; six assistant sanitary inspectors, at fifty pesos per month each.

"Central free dispensary:

"One pharmacist, class ten; one assistant pharmacist, at ninety pesos per month; one employee, at forty pesos per month.

"Emergency funds:

"Fifty thousand pesos for the purchase of equipment, medicines, and disinfectants and for the payment of sanitary employees to be used in those municipalities which are invaded by epidemic diseases

and which lack sufficient funds to combat them, and for the suppression of epidemic diseases and pests.

"Free tuberculosis dispensary:

"Two employees, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Nursing service:

One supervising nurse, class nine; one chief nurse, superintendent of training school, class eight; four chief nurses, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum each; one night superintendent, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum; one operating nurse, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum; one matron, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum; one dietist, class ten; one assistant dietist, Class D; one assistant matron, Class B; one assistant matron Class C; three nurses, class nine; six nurses, Class A; ten nurses, Class B; thirty-eight nurses, Class C; thirteen attendants, Class C; twelve attendants, Class D; three practicantes, at seventy pesos per month each; one practicante, at forty pesos per month; twenty-five practicantes, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; all with subsistence, quarters and laundry; seventy-two senior year pupil nurses, at twenty pesos per month each, to cover expenses of laundry, uniforms, books and all other equipment, with subsistence, and quarters; seventy junior year pupil nurses, at eighteen pesos per month each, to cover expenses of laundry, uniforms, books and all other equipment, with subsistence and quarters; fifty-eight preliminary pupil nurses, at sixteen pesos per month each, to cover expenses of laundry, uniforms, books and all other equipment, with subsistence and quarters; thirty post graduate nurses, at fifty pesos per month each, with subsistence, quarters and laundry.

"Sibul Springs Sanitarium division:

"One chief of sanitarium with subsistence and quarters, at four thousand pesos per annum; one house physician, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one superintendent, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one pharmacist, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one cook, at six hundred pesos per annum; eight employees, at three hundred sixty pesos per annum each; for additional employees and attendants as may be needed, all with subsistence and quarters.

"Southern Islands Hospital division:

"One chief of the hospital, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one resident physician, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one superintendent, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one pharmacist, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, at nine hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, at four hundred eighty pesos per annum; one cook, at six hundred pesos per annum; one assistant cook, at three hundred sixty pesos per annum; four employees, at three hundred pesos per annum

each; six employees, at two hundred forty pesos per annum each; for additional employees as needed; all with subsistence and quarters.

"San Lazaro Hospital division:

"One superintendent, class eight; one steward, class ten; one pharmacist, at one thousand six hundred eighty pesos per annum; two watchmen, at ninety pesos per month each, or one hundred and thirty pesos per month each, if subsistence and quarters be not furnished; one laborer, at thirty pesos per month; two laborers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; one driver, at twenty pesos per month; one cook, at eighty pesos per month; one foreman, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one engineer, at eighty pesos per month; one fireman, at thirty pesos per month; three employees, at twenty pesos per month each; all with subsistence and quarters; one engineer, at forty-eight pesos per month; two carpenters, at forty-eight pesos per month each; four laborers, at twenty pesos per month each.

"*Insane department:* One matron, at forty-eight pesos per month; two assisstant cooks, at thirty pesos per month each; five servants, at twenty pesos per month each; five laundresses, at fifteen pesos per month each; one seamstress, at twenty pesos per month; twelve servants, at fifteen pesos per month each; all with subsistence and quarters.

"*Leper department:* One house physician, class nine; one capataz, at forty pesos per month; one cook, at forty pesos per month; four employees, at twenty pesos per month each; one assistant cook, at twenty pesos per month; three laundrymen, at fifteen pesos per month each; four servants, at fifteen pesos per month each; one servant, at twelve pesos per month; twelve leper police, at twenty centavos per day each; all with subsistence and quarters.

"*Dangerous communicable disease department:* One cook, at forty pesos per month; two employees, at thirty pesos per month each; one servant, at twenty-five pesos per month; three servants, at twenty pesos per month each; three servants, at fifteen pesos per month each; one laundress, at fifteen pesos per month; all with subsistence and quarters.

"*Morgue and crematory:* One morgue attendant, Class C; one crematory inspector, at thirty pesos per month; two laborers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; all with subsistence and quarters.

"Culion leper colony division:

"One chief of division, at seven thousand pesos per annum, with quarters only; one steward, class eight; one assistant steward and engineer, at two thousand pesos per annum; one physician, class seven, two chaplains, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; one sanitary inspector, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one engineer, at one hundred pesos per month; one chaplain, with subsistence and quarters only; two clerks, Class F; Sisters of Charity, seven thousand two hundred pesos; one cook, at seventy-

five pesos per month; one capataz, at seventy-five pesos per month; six employees, at thirty pesos per month each; twenty employees, at twelve pesos per month each; all with subsistence and quarters; leper employees; one cook, at fifty pesos per month; one storekeeper, at fifty pesos per month; one assistant storekeeper, at twenty-five pesos per month; two servants, at twenty-five pesos per month each; one encargado, at ten pesos per month; eighteen employees, at six pesos per month each; eight kitchen attendants, at six pesos per month each; four laundresses, at six pesos per month each; twenty leper police, at twenty centavos per day each; thirteen grave diggers, at one peso per month each; five assistant sanitary inspectors, at twenty centavos per day each; for hire of leper attendants, nurses and so forth as needed, not to exceed fifty centavos per day each; for guards, steward, and attendants to care for increased number of lepers, all with subsistence and quarters.

"Prison sanitation division:

"One dispensing clerk, class nine, with subsistence and quarters.

"Baguio Hospital division:

"One superintendent and cashier, class nine; one pharmacist Class A; one employee, at seventy-five pesos per month; one employee, at thirty pesos per month; two employees, at sixteen pesos per month each; one employee, at ten pesos per month; for hire of temporary and emergency employees as necessary, all with subsistence and quarters: *Provided,* That subsistence and quarters may be furnished, as additional compensation to any employees of another branch of the Government whose partial services may be required and secured, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding: *And provided further,* That the charges at the Baguio Hospital, as fixed by law prior to November first, nineteen hundred and five, may thereafter be changed by the Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The provisions of this paragraph shall be considered permanent legislation until specifically amended or repealed.

"Philippine General Hospital:

"One physician, at six thousand pesos per annum; one surgeon, at six thousand pesos per annum; one dental surgeon, at four thousand pesos per annum; one anæsthetist, at four thousand pesos per annum; one medical electrician, at four thousand pesos per annum; for internes, five thousand pesos; one superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum, with subsistence, quarters and laundry; one chief clerk and cashier, class seven; two record clerks, class eight; one information clerk, class eight; one property clerk, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum, with subsistence and quarters; one assistant property clerk, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum, with subsistence and quarters; one clerk, at one hundred pesos per month, with subsistence and quarters; two clerks, Class G; three clerks, Class H; three clerks, Class J; one pharmacist, class

seven, with subsistence and quarters; one assistant pharmacist, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum, with subsistence and quarters, two assistant pharmacists, Class E; with subsistence and quarters; one electrician, class nine, with quarters; eleven night watchmen, Class D, with subsistence and quarters; one head gardener, at nine hundred pesos per annum; one assistant gardener, at five hundred forty pesos per annum; one cook, Class G, with subsistence and quarters; two cooks, Class H, with subsistence and quarters; two cooks, Class I, with subsistence and quarters; one cook, at four hundred twenty pesos per annum, with subsistence and quarters; two assistant cooks, at thirty pesos per month each, with subsistence and quarters; four ambulance drivers, Class H, with subsistence and quarters; two capataces, at six hundred pesos per annum each; two carpenters, Class J, with subsistence and quarters; two store-room boys, Class J, with subsistence and quarters; two storemen, at thirty pesos per month each; two elevator boys, Class J, with subsistence and quarters; one laundry boy, at four hundred eighty pesos per annum, with subsistence and quarters; three telephone operators, Class J; one instrument sharpener, at thirty pesos per month; ten messengers, at two hundred forty pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; one messenger, at fifteen pesos per month; ten male helpers, at two hundred forty pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; ten male helpers, at two hundred sixteen pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; twenty-two male helpers, at one hundred ninety-two pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; twenty male helpers, at one hundred sixty-eight pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; thirty male helpers, at one hundred forty-four pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; three sewing women, at two hundred forty pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; seven female helpers, at one hundred ninety-two pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; ten female helpers, at one hundred sixty-eight pesos per annum each, with subsistence and quarters; two laborers, at fifteen pesos per month each; for emergency and other temporary employees, and for employees necessitated by epidemics, calamities, and so forth; for accrued leaves, for salary allowances to employees appointed outside of the Philippine Islands; for reimbursement not to exceed fifteen thousand pesos to the Philippine Medical School on interbureau voucher for part payment of the salary of each individual officer of the Philippine Medical School performing duty in the Philippine General Hospital as may be agreed upon subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

"Miscellaneous:

"For secretary-treasurers' and examiners' fees, as provided by law, for the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners, and the Board of Dental Examiners.

"Miscellaneous employees:

"For the hire of temporary employees: *Provided,* That quarters and subsistence may be furnished to such temporary employees if regular employees engaged in similar work are entitled to quarters and subsistence; for commutation of leaves of officers and employees.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses for all divisions and branches of the Bureau of Health, including hire and maintenance of transportation for officers, employees, and supplies; maintenance and operation of automobiles, including salary of chauffeurs; purchase of sera, cholera vaccine, and vaccine virus; photographs and prints; enforcing the Food and Drugs Act; payment of traveling expenses and per diems of officers, employees and patients as provided by law; purchase of street car tickets, stationery, office supplies, furniture and repairs to same; cablegrams, postage, telegrams, printing, binding, library periodicals, lumber, shipping boxes, nails, bottles, corks; rent of telephones; purchase of stock for various divisions; antiseptic supplies and dressings; ice; light; rent; repair and maintenance of offices, hospitals, and other buildings and their grounds; disinfectants, and disinfecting apparatus and repairs to same; medicines, medical and surgical supplies; medicines and medical supplies for indigent natives; surgical instruments and supplies; purchase of flannel for covering infants; payment of physicians' charges and hospital charges, Government employees at Iloilo; hospitalization of chronic tuberculosis cases, including employment of doctors, nurses and attendants, and anti-tuberculosis campaigns in provinces; outdoor treatment of tuberculosis patients at Benguet, including tents, equipment, subsistence, clothing, bedding, and salary of employees; night camps for tuberculosis patients, including salaries and wages of employees, equipment, shelter, and incidentals; publicity campaign and anti-tuberculosis society; tuberculosis dispensaries, campaigns against intestinal parasites; free dispensing of medical supplies and medicines to Government employees upon prescriptions of qualified physicians, in accordance with existing law; fuel, electric current, tents, subsistence supplies, hospital supplies and equipment, bedding, kitchen supplies and equipment, dining and mess room supplies and equipment, dormitory and nurses' school supplies and equipment, coal, oil, gas, steam, rubber goods, X-ray machine, repairs to equipment, forage and other animal food, horseshoeing, clothing, and uniforms for employees, and patients; cleaning vaults and pails, freight charges, gratuities in the discretion of the Director of Health; subsistence of inmates of hospitals, plants, camps for communicable diseases and of other persons entitled thereto; laundry allowances and other incidental expenses: *Provided,* That commutation of subsistence, at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, may be paid in lieu of subsistence in kind: *And provided further,* That the city of Manila

shall pay rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, for maintenance of all insane persons committed after the date of this Act, who shall have resided in Manila for a period of one or more years prior to the date of application for commitment, so long as the number of insane maintained at the expense of the Insular Government on account of the city of Manila shall exceed the latter's pro rata share of such persons on the basis of population; transportation of Sisters of Charity and chaplains to and from Culion when sick; subsistence of Sisters of Charity while enroute from Manila to Culion and return; payment to the Hospicio de San José, to the Colegio de Santa Isabel, to the Saint Vincent de Paul Asylum and other charitable institutions for maintenance of orphans, indigent persons and insane: *Provided,* That in the event of the marriage of any female inmate of a charitable institution who is maintained at the expense of the Government, a dowry equal to the expense of maintenance for two years may be paid to her from this appropriation in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior; aid in the maintenance of institutions for the protection of infants; laundry allowances for nurses at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That subsistence and quarters of medical officers and employees of the Bureau of Health may be furnished when assigned to duty in institutions maintained by the Bureau of Health; collection of lepers: *Provided,* That the Director of Health, subject to the approval of the proper head of department or of the board of control of the Philippine Medical School, as the case may be, may require the services, without additional compensation of any medical officer or employee in the Government service: *And provided further:* That, sanitary inspectors of the Bureau of Health shall be on the same basis as to pay and promotion as the Police and Fire Departments of the city of Manila: *And provided further,* That, the Bureau of Health is hereby authorized to continue the construction work at Culion without the intervention of the Bureau of Public Works or the Consulting Architect, existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, from funds of this appropriation, and this proviso shall be considered permanent legislation until specifically amended or repealed.

"So much of the funds accruing from the license and internal-revenue taxes under the provisions of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, as amended, as may be necessary, are hereby made available for the payment of the reasonable expenses in some reputable hospital of persons desiring to cure themselves of the opium habit and, in the discretion of the Director of Health, of the traveling expenses from and to their place of residence in the provinces of such patients as reside outside of Manila and are in needy circumstances, and for other expenses incident thereto: *Provided,* That no patient shall be treated at the expense of the Government under these provisions for a longer period than sixty days: *And provided further,* That the expenditure of funds hereinbefore made

available shall be under the direction and control of the Director of Health.

"All hospitals in the Philippine Islands which are established by the authority of the Philippine Government and the cost of the maintenance and operation of which is defrayed in whole or in part by appropriations or revenues of the Insular Government, shall be administered by the Bureau of Health, and the rules governing the admission of patients, the number of charity patients to be admitted, charges for hospital service and hospital administration, shall be made by the Director of Health subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the Director of Health is hereby authorized to furnish the care of Government patients as now required of him by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, at such hospitals under the control of the Bureau of Health as he may deem to be for the best interests of the patient and of the Government: *Provided,* That the Southern Islands Hospital at Cebu and the Sibul Springs Sanitarium shall be divisions of the Bureau of Health. The provisions of this paragraph are to be considered as permanent legislation until specifically repealed.

"In all, one million six hundred and forty-six thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF LANDS.

"SEC. 10. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Lands, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Lands, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one chief surveyor, class two; three clerks, class three; one assistant chief surveyor, class three, one chief clerk, class three; two surveyors, class three; two clerks class five; one chief draftsman, class five; one draftsman, class five; one chief computer, class five; five surveyors, class five; eight clerks, class six; one cartographer, class six; two triangulators, class six; fifteen surveyors, class six, one computer, class six; five clerks, class seven; one draftsman, class seven; four computers, class seven; twenty-one surveyors, class seven; twenty-eight surveyors, at three thousand pesos per annum each; thirty-one surveyors, class eight; two draftsmen, class eight; three computers, class eight; six clerks, class eight; four clerks, class nine, five junior computers, class ten; one clerk, Class A; one junior computer, Class B; one clerk, Class B; two computers, Class C; six junior surveyors, Class C; two clerks, Class D; two draftsmen, Class D; five clerks, Class E; two junior draftsmen, Class E; four clerks, Class F; six junior computers, Class F; two junior draftsmen, Class F; seventeen junior surveyors, Class G; eight clerks, Class G; four junior computers, Class G; four junior draftsmen, Class G; ten clerks, Class H; seventeen junior surveyors, Class H; eleven junior computers, Class H; six junior draftsmen, Class H; ten clerks, Class I; fifteen junior surveyors, Class I; thirteen junior computers, Class I; eight junior draftsmen, Class I; twenty-eight junior computers,

Class J; ten junior draftsmen, Class J; three clerks, Class J; twenty-five junior computers, Class K; seventeen apprentice surveyors, at thirty pesos per month each; six junior draftsmen, Class K; one clerk, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; forty apprentice surveyors, at twenty pesos per month each; two clerks, Class K; two messengers, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; one office boy, at thirty pesos per month; one office boy, at twenty pesos per month: *Provided*, That the provisions of sections one and two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-one be and are hereby amended so as to permit students who have satisfactorily completed the second year of provincial or Manila High School instruction to be certified by the Director of Education to the Director of Lands as apprentice surveyors, and all apprentice surveyors shall continue their course of instruction in such school as the Secretary of Public Instruction may determine: *And provided further*, That the Director of Lands may employ such persons as shall have successfully passed the examination prescribed by the Bureau of Civil Service for junior surveyors and such persons shall enter the surveying school of the Bureau of Lands upon the same basis as students certified by the Director of Education, who have passed a similar examination, and such persons shall sign a contract similar to and with the same conditions as that prescribed in sections three and four of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-one, and these two provisos shall be considered permanent legislation until specifically amended or repealed.

"For special attorneys retained in Friar Lands cases; hire of overseers, foremen, irrigation ditch tenders and laborers, chainmen, semiskilled and unskilled laborers for survey parties; hire of temporary employees; accrued leaves of absence; salary allowances to employees appointed outside of the Philippine Islands; office furniture, drafting supplies, instruments and equipment for field parties; office supplies; subsistence for survey parties; transportation of officers and employees; survey parties, and supplies; incidental expenses, including rent of offices and quarters for surveyors and friar lands agents, irrigation agents, repairs, forage, and so forth, and for the purchase and maintenance of transportation for managers of friar lands estates; for an allowance of twenty pesos per month each to officers and employees in the provinces for each authorized horse furnished and maintained by said officers and employees for official transportation: *Provided*, That the Director of Lands is hereby authorized, with the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to advance to officers and employees not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five pesos for the purchase of each native horse or four hundred pesos for the purchase of each Australian horse required for transportation, such advances to be reimbursed to the Government by monthly deductions of ten per centum in the case of the purchase of a native horse and twenty per centum in the case of the purchase of an Australian horse from the officers' and employees' salaries, and

for such advance this appropriation is hereby made available; for repairs to irrigation dams and ditches and to buildings on friar lands estates and Insular Government land; for the erection of survey monuments and other incidentals; per diems of officers and employees not members of survey parties, including appraisers for public lands and friar lands estates, when traveling on official business; janitor service; printing and binding, cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; sheriffs' fees and court costs, registers' and court fees in cases heretofore or hereafter instituted by or against the Government of the Philippine Islands affecting the public or other lands owned by the Government; advertising lands under Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, and other incidental expenses; in all six hundred and sixty-three thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF SCIENCE.

"SEC. 11. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director at twelve thousand pesos per annum; chief of biological laboratory and assistant director, at ten thousand pesos per annum; chief division of inorganic and physical chemistry and assistant to the director, at seven thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of mines, at six thousand pesos per annum; chief division of ethnology, at six thousand pesos per annum; chief of division of organic chemistry, at six thousand pesos per annum; three employees, class one; one employee, class two; two employees, at five thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, class three; four employees, class four; thirteen employees, class five; six employees, class six; seven employees, class seven; two employees, at three thousand pesos per annum each; two employees, class eight; two employees, class nine; six employees, class ten; one employee, Class A; three employees, Class C; one employee, Class D; five employees, at one thousand three hundred twenty pesos per annum each; three employees, Class E; one employee, Class F; three employees, at nine hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, Class H; four employees, Class I; two employees, Cass J; six employees, at thirty pesos per month each; additional pay for chemist in charge of sugar-testing laboratory, Manila, authorized by Act Two thousand and eighty-four; for salaries and expenses to permit the bureau, by and with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to call to the Philippines from other countries specialists where necessary or advisable to carry on scientific investigations, or to permit the bureau, by and with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to advance salaries of specially qualified men; accrued leave; salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; temporary employees, maintenance and equipment of the sugar-testing laboratory at Iloilo, and the salaries and wages of employees and operating expenses thereof; maintenance of the Bureau of Science aquarium in Manila, and the salaries and wages of employees and operating

expenses thereof; and for contingent expenses, including transportation, per diems, traveling expenses, rent of city transportation, launch hire; purchase of chemicals, apparatus, supplies, small animals and feed for same; ice, distilled water, eggs, meat, milk, alcohol, coal, oil; maintenance of power plant; horses and cattle and feed for same; office supplies, photographic supplies, books, subscriptions, telephones; fire alarm boxes, cablegrams, postage, telegrams; repairs to furniture, apparatus, and equipment; laundry, printing and binding; advertising; maintenance of building; purchase and installation of museum specimens and hire of special assistants in preparing, classifying, and extending museum work and other incidental expenses; in all, three hundred sixty-one thousand six hundred ninety pesos.

"BUREAU OF FORESTRY.

"SEC. 12. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Forestry, at eight thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Forestry at six thousand pesos per annum; one forester, at six thousand pesos per annum; one forester, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one forester, at five thousand pesos per annum; two foresters, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; three foresters, at four thousand pesos per annum each; three foresters, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; one wood technologist, at four thousand pesos per annum; one wood expert, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one forest-nurseryman, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one chief clerk, at four thousand pesos per annum; two clerks, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; one clerk, at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one assistant forester, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Class A; two head rangers, Class C; seven head rangers, Class D; one clerk, Class D; one draftsman, Class D; three head rangers, Class E; three head rangers, Class F; one clerk, Class G; six rangers, Class H; one clerk, Class H; three rangers, Class I; three assistant rangers, at five hundred forty pesos per annum each; two clerks, Class I; one draftsman, at six hundred sixty pesos per annum; three assistant rangers, Class J; one draftsman, Class K; seven clerks, Class K; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; one messenger, at two hundred forty pesos per annum; one laborer, at three hundred pesos per annum; forty forest guards, at three hundred pesos per annum each; one carpenter, at two pesos and fifty centavos per day, one carpenter, at one peso and fifty centavos per day; one varnisher, at two pesos per day; hire of temporary employees and laborers for field parties; accrued leaves of absence; salary allowances of employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office and field equipment and furniture; purchase of office and other administration supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; traveling

expenses and transportation of officers and employees traveling on official business; per diems of fifty centavos each for employees stationed in the provinces in lieu of cost of forage for horses owned by themselves or by the Bureau used as a means of official transportation; transportation of supplies; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; purchase of horses for use of forest officers while traveling on official business in the provinces; purchase of specimen forest products and preparation and installation of forestry exhibits at Anloague museum; printing and binding; rents and maintenance of office quarters; transportation and refund of traveling expenses of employees from the United States to Manila after the expiration of contract service; temporary buildings for use of forest officers in the provinces; and other incidental expenses; and for the payment of the salaries and expenses herein authorized for the Bureau of Forestry, and for the maintenance of the Forestry School established by Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, there is hereby appropriated fifty per centum of the receipts from forestry products for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve.

"BUREAU OF QUARANTINE SERVICE.

"SEC. 13. For salaries, allowances, and commutations of quarters of officers of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, as provided for by the regulations of said service; one chief clerk, cashier, and pharmacist, at four thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one female medical inspector, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one engineer, class nine; two clerks, at two thousand and forty pesos per annum each; one clerk and disinfector, at one thousand nine hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one chief disinfector, Class A; one watchman, at one thousand four hundred and forty pesos per annum; two disinfectors, Class D; two engineers, Class F; one assistant engineer, Class F; one vaccinator and disinfector, Class F; two disinfectors, Class H; one cook, Class H; two clerks and disinfectors, Class I; two clerks and disinfectors, Class J; one mechanic, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two disinfectors' assistants, at four hundred pesos per annum each; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; fifteen attendants, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; seven employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one patron, at one thousand and eighty pesos per annum; two patrons, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one engineer, at one thousand and eighty pesos per annum; two engineers, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one assistant engineer, at seven hundred and eighty pesos per annum; one quartermaster at five hundred and forty pesos per annum; two quartermasters, at three hundred pesos per annum each; two firemen, at five hundred and forty pesos per annum each; four firemen, at three hundred pesos per annum each; four sailors, at three hundred and sixty pesos per

annum each; six sailors, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; for temporary employees, disinfectors' assistants, and laborers assisting regular force in the disinfection work, or handling supplies, or necessitated by the presence of quarantinable diseases; and for the payment of necessary fees, not to exceed twenty pesos per vessel to qualified physicians for quarantine inspection of vessels at ports of entry where no regular officer of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service is available; for labor for the maintenance of grounds and quarantine stations; for accrued leaves; for salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase of office furniture; official stationery; per diems, or traveling expenses of officers and employees traveling on official orders in the Philippines, from the United States, or in foreign countries; transportation of supplies and employees to and from storehouse to vessels, from storehouse to launch and return of apparatus, and securing and forwarding supplies for the quarantine stations; vehicle and car fare for officers and employees on official business; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams, printing and binding; purchase of apparatus, equipment, subsistence, and other supplies for the maintenance and operation of quarantine stations and of barges and launches: *Provided*, That commutation of subsistence, fuel, and ice, at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, may be paid in lieu of subsistence, fuel and ice, in kind; repairs to buildings, wharves, including material for same, and supplies, lumber, and so forth; minor repairs constantly necessary for the care and preservation of the public buildings and structures at the several quarantine stations; repairs to equipment and furniture; repairs to launches and other vessels; repairs to lighting, sewer and water systems of quarantine stations; rent, telephones and post-office boxes; hire and maintenance of official transportation, Manila and stations; launch hire and towing; uniforms for launch crews; allowance of sixty pesos per month in lieu of subsistence to the pharmacist stationed on the Island of Cauit; professional publications; incidental and emergency expenses; ice, vaccine, laundry, and other necessary supplies or services: *Provided further*, That the Bureau of Quarantine Service is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to charge for the services and supplies, including water, furnished to ships at any of the Bureau's stations at rates to be fixed by the chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, and the proceeds of such charges shall be deposited to the credit of this appropriation, and shall be available for the expenditure in addition to the amounts hereinbefore appropriated; and other incidental expenses: *And provided further*, That the Bureau of Quarantine Service is hereby authorized to continue the construction work at quarantine stations, without the intervention of the Bureau of Public Works or the Consulting Architect, existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, from funds made available for permanent improvements; in all, one hundred and twenty-five thousand pesos.

"WEATHER BUREAU.

"SEC. 14. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director at five thousand pesos per annum; three Assistant Directors, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; one secretary at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; four observers, not to exceed one thousand nine hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; four calculators, not to exceed one thousand five hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; one draftsman, Class C; one employee, Class C; four assistant observers, not to exceed one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one draftsman, Class D; one employee, Class D; two employees, Class G; three assistant calculators, Class H; one employee, Class I; two employees, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; two messengers, at three hundred pesos per annum each; eight chief observers, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; one assistant, at three hundred pesos per annum; seven assistant observers, at two hundred pesos per annum each; one second-class observer, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum; ten second-class observers, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one third-class observer, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; twenty-five third-class observers at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; ten observers for rain stations, at one hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; one observer-telegrapher, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; accrued leaves; temporary employees; purchase of supplies; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, telegrams, and postage; printing and binding; installation and repair of instruments; and allowance of thirty pesos per month to the Director in lieu of official transportation in the city of Manila; rents, and other incidental expenses: *Provided*, That the Director, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, may reduce, suppress, or transfer any station maintained by the Bureau; in all, one hundred and thirty-three thousand nine hundred pesos.

"DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND POLICE.

"PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY.

"SEC. 15. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Differences between pay and allowances of brigadier-general and colonels, respectively, and that of their respective grades in the United States Army, of the officers detailed as Director and Assistant Directors of the Philippine Constabulary, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States entitled "An Act to promote the efficiency of the Philippines Constabulary, to establish the rank and pay of its commanding officers, and for other purposes," approved January thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, the provisions of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven to the contrary

notwithstanding; two colonels and Assistant Directors at seven thousand pesos per annum each; five lieutenant-colonels and Assistant Directors at six thousand pesos per annum each; sixteen majors at four thousand pesos per annum each; forty-seven captains at an average of three thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; sixty first lieutenants at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; one hundred and seventy second lieutenants at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each: *Provided,* That the grade of Third Lieutenant be hereby abolished and that the present Third Lieutenants shall be promoted without the necessity of examination to Second Lieutenants and shall in every respect have the consideration, rank and privileges of Second Lieutenants in the same manner as if they had been promoted by means of regular examinations, the provisions of section one, Act Numbered Five hundred and sixty-eight to the contrary notwithstanding.

"*And provided further,* That no person whose appointment is subject to the authority of the Director of Constabulary shall receive an original appointment to a higher grade on entering the service than that of Second Lieutenant, the provisions of Section three, Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and sixty-seven to the contrary notwithstanding; additional compensation of three hundred and sixty pesos per annum for each of the officers detailed as District Adjutants; additional compensation of one hundred pesos per annum for each officer of the Constabulary, not a native of the Philippine Islands, who proves his ability to speak and read one of the Filipino dialects, and to each officer, a native of the Philippine Islands, who proves his ability to speak and read the English language, as provided in Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-four; additional compensation to officers who have completed five or ten years' service under the provisions of section four of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and sixty-seven and Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; additional compensation to be assigned with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police first had to senior inspectors and supply officers and officers performing special duties or the duties of higher positions, section fifteen of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight to the contrary notwithstanding; for pay of enlisted men of the line, including the necessary complement of noncommissioned officers, under the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

"Band:

"One conductor, with rank of captain, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one chief musician, at seventy pesos per month; one first sergeant, at fifty pesos per month; two principal musicians, at forty-five pesos per month each; ten sergeants, at forty pesos per month each; seventeen corporals, at thirty-five pesos per month each; forty-nine privates at thirty pesos per month each.

"Office of the Director:

"One clerk, class six; one messenger at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Executive division:

"One major and Executive Inspector at five thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, class five; two clerks, class six; three clerks, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class F; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H; two clerks, Class I; five clerks, Class J; one clerk, Class K; one messenger at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; three messengers at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each.

"Inspectors' division:

"For per diems of twelve pesos for each of the United States Army officers detailed as inspectors for Constabulary; one clerk, class Seven.

"Information division:

"One lieutenant-colonel and Assistant Director, superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum; one major and assistant superintendent, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, class six; two clerks, class seven; one clerk, class eight; two clerks, Class D; two clerks, Class G; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J; two agents, at four thousand pesos per annum each; one agent, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one agent, at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one agent, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; two agents, at one thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; one agent, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; two agents, at nine hundred pesos per annum each; two agents, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one agent, at six hundred pesos per annum; four agents, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; for hire of additional assistance as required from time to time, at varying rates of pay, not to exceed fifteen thousand pesos.

"Supply division:

"One major and assistant chief supply officer, at five thousand pesos per annum; one major and assistant chief supply officer at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one captain and assistant chief supply officer at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one accountant and bookkeeper, class five; one clerk, class six, one clerk, class seven; one clerk, class eight; three clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; two clerks, Class I; one messenger at three hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class F; two clerks, Class G; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class I; three clerks, Class J; one messenger at three hundred sixty pesos per annum; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class B; one clerk, Class F;

one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class I; one ordinance storekeeper, class eight; one shipper, class nine; one machinist at three thousand pesos per annum; one corral foreman, class ten; one storekeeper at four pesos and seventy-five centavos per diem; one assistant storekeeper, at three pesos per diem; for hire of unskilled laborers.

"Medical division:

"One lieutenant-colonel and superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum; five captains and surgeons, at four thousand pesos per annum each; five first lieutenants and medical inspectors, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; six second lieutenants and medical inspectors, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; ten sergeants, at thirty-three pesos per month each; fifteen corporals, at twenty-eight pesos per month each; seventy-five privates, at eighteen pesos per month each; one clerk, Class G.

"Headquarters District of Northern Luzon:

"One clerk, class seven; two clerks, Class H; one janitor, at one hundred eighty pesos per annum.

"Headquarters District of Central Luzon:

"Two clerks, class eight; one clerk, Class J.

"Headquarters District of Southern Luzon:

"One clerk, class seven; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Cass I; one blacksmith, at five pesos per diem; three teamsters, at twenty pesos per month each.

"Headquarters District of the Visayas:

"Two clerks, class eight; one clerk, Class I; one janitor, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; one driver, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; one driver, at one peso per diem; one messenger, at two hundred forty pesos per annum.

"Headquarters District of Mindanao:

"One clerk, class seven; two clerks, Class H; one corral foreman, at five pesos per diem; one janitor, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; one driver, at two pesos and fifty centavos per diem.

"Constabulary School:

"One fencing master and physical instructor, with relative rank of second lieutenant, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one teamster, at five pesos and fifty centavos per diem.

"Miscellaneous:

"For accrued leaves of absence; hire of emergency clerical labor, provided that additional compensation shall not be paid hereunder; hire of temporary employees; *Provided*, That all moneys arising from deductions from the pay of officers on account of violations of regulations or infractions of descipline, in accordance with section sixteen of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, in cases where services have been actually rendered to the Government, and from forfeitures of pay and allowances by dishonorably discharged enlisted

men shall be deposited in the Insular Treasury to the credit of the Pension and Retirement Fund.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase of material and manufacture of clothing and equipage, including allowance to enlisted men for clothing not drawn in kind; purchase, repair, and preservation of arms, ammunition, equipment, and musical instruments, under the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; commutation and rent of quarters for officers, under the provisions of Acts Numbered Seven hundred and six and Eight hundred and seven; rent of offices, guard-houses, arsenals, barracks, storehouses, stables and telephones; construction and repair of temporary buildings; fuel, illuminating, cleaning supplies; transportation of officers, enlisted men, employees, and prisoners; travel of enlisted men upon their discharge to place of enlistment, and transportation and subsistence of persons necessarily required by the Director and Assistant Directors in the transaction of public business, subject to approval by the Secretary of Commerce and Police; transportation of supplies; forage, veterinary attendance, medicines, shoeing, and incidentals for animals; purchase of motorcycles, and purchase and hire of draft and riding animals; purchase and repair of harness, wagons, carts, and so forth; purchase of motor boats and boat supplies, including gasoline or petroleum engines for installation in small boats owned by the Philippine Constabulary; hire of cutters and launches belonging to the Bureau of Navigation; subsistence of officers and employees while traveling under orders, including per diems of same when traveling upon official business; street-car tickets; hire of vehicles from the city of Manila; expenses in connection with transporting and maintaining the Headquarters at Baguio during the season; a contingent fund to be used for secret-service purposes; expenses connected with the deportation of vagrants; payment of rewards leading to the capture and conviction of brigands and other criminals, authorized under the provisions of Act Numbered Five hundred and twenty-two, as amended; payment of rewards for the apprehension of deserters, in the discretion of the Director of Constabulary; discovery and prevention of crime, under the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; subsistence of enlisted men except members of the Constabulary Band; subsistence of cargadores and of municipal police and volunteers operating under the Constabulary; subsistence of prisoners and destitute witnesses; subsistence of enlisted men, officers, and other employees of the Insular Government, and of officers, enlisted men and employees of the United States Army sick in Constabulary hospitals at forty centavos per day each, under the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; purchase and repair of office furniture and equipment; purchase of stationery and office supplies; payment to the Insular Treasurer

of premiums on officials' bonds; newspapers and professional books; postage and telegrams; printing and binding, including emergency printing at the various district headquarters, the provisions of Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-six to the contrary notwithstanding; medical treatment of officers and enlisted men under the provisions of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seven; medical, surgical and hospital supplies, including hospital laundry work; burial of officers, enlisted men, and secret-service agents, including the purchase of small headstones and cemetery lots; ice, distilled water, and laundry of office towels; expenses in connection with the organization of a Constabulary Reserve Guard to be expended in the discretion of the Director of Constabulary, not to exceed five thousand pesos, and other incidental expenses; in all, two million five hundred and forty thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.

"SEC. 16. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Director:

"Director of Navigation, at ten thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Navigation, at six thousand five hundred pesos per annum, who shall perform the duties of Superintendent of Interisland Transportation: *Provided*, That so long as the division of port works remains a part of this Bureau the salary of the Director of Navigation shall be at the rate of twelve thousand pesos per annum, and that of the Assistant Director of Navigation at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; Second Assistant Director of Navigation, at six thousand pesos per annum; a per diem allowance of twelve pesos for the medical officer detailed from the United States Army as medical inspector: *Provided*, That in the event of a civilian being appointed medical inspector, the salary will be five thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class four; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class H; two employees, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; two messengers, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Division of accounts:

"One cashier, class six; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class I; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Division of vessels:

"Marine superintendent, at five thousand pesos per annum; one inspector of machinery, class one; one property clerk, class five; two clerks, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one clerk, Class H; one storekeeper, class nine; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; for the compensation of officers, petty officers, and crews of cableship, cutters, and launches: *Provided*, That a ten per centum increase in salaries may be paid to officers and crew on the cutter assigned to duty transporting lepers to Culion; cargadores, subsistence of fleet: *Provided*, That the officers assigned to duty aboard

the cableship "Rizal" and the cutters to be designated by the Director of Navigation as subject primarily to emergency service requirements shall be allowed three pesos per diem each for subsistence: *Provided, further,* That funds herein appropriated may be used for subsistence and aid of shipwrecked sailors or other persons in distress, as demanded by the laws of humanity and the customs of maritime nations, and for subsistence of postal clerks while on duty on vessels of the Bureau of Navigation.

"Interisland transportation:

"One clerk, class seven; two clerks, class nine; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Miscellaneous:

"For temporary employees; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office furniture and equipment; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; maintenance of Engineer Island; purchase and construction of minor water craft; salvage of wrecks and disabled vessels; purchase of coal and supplies; repairs to vessels; pilotage, and other incidental expenses: *Provided,* That the funds appropriated under this head shall be available for the purchase of medals and other rewards when authorized by resolution of the Philippine Legislature for officers and employees of the Bureau who display special bravery or render distinguished service in saving life and property.

"Light-house division:

"*Office of the light-house engineer:* For salaries and wages of light-house engineer, class one: *Provided,* That during the time that this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army or Navy said officer shall receive per diems of ten pesos in lieu of the salary of the position; assistant light-house engineer, class four: *Provided,* That during the time that this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army or Navy said officer shall receive per diems of five pesos in lieu of the salary of the position; one clerk, class six; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class J; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one draftsman, class seven; pay of junior draftsmen; pay of mechanics and laborers in the light-house machine shop; temporary employees; accrued leaves; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"*Office of the light-house inspector:* For salaries and wages of light-house inspector, class four: *Provided,* That during the time this position shall be filled by an officer detailed from the Army or Navy said officer shall receive per diems of ten pesos in lieu of the salary

of the position; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, Class A; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one chief of light keepers, at one thousand four hundred and forty pesos per annum; six light keepers, at nine hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; eighteen light keepers, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; twenty-one light keepers, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; twenty-nine light keepers, at six hundred pesos per annum each; eighty-one light keepers, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; twenty first-class apprentices, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; ten second-class apprentices, at one hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; pay of keepers of lesser classes, laborers, and boatmen; purchase of rations for employees at Ambolon, Apo Reef, Cape Engaño, La Monja, Mataja, Ocata, San Bernardino, San Miguel, Sialat Point, Suluan, Tanguingui, Ungay Point, and such other light stations as it may, in the opinion of the Director of Navigation, be necessary to ration, and for newly appointed keepers and apprentices; temporary employees; accrued leaves; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office furniture and equipment; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; necessary repairs to light stations now in operation, including subsistence, local transportation, and so forth, to preserve public property and to avoid future extensive repairs; illuminating oil for light stations; supplies for light stations, including tools and instruments, paints; cleaning materials, and so forth; furniture and implement cases for light stations; house rent for keepers not provided with dwellings; repair, maintenance, and up-keep of buoys now in position; and other incidental expenses, including pay of watchmen, up-keep of semaphore tower on Engineer Island, and so forth.

"Division of port works:

"One chief of division, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class five; one cost clerk, class seven; one stenographer, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one time clerk, at one thousand pesos per annum; one messenger, Class J; two assistant engineers, class one; one assistant engineer, class three; one assistant engineer, class four; three assistant engineers, class five; two assistant engineers, class six; two surveyors, class six; one transitman, at three thousand pesos per annum; one computer, at three thousand pesos per annum; three overseers, class seven; two dredge overseers, class seven; two dredge overseers, class eight; three inspectors, class nine; one assistant transitman, class nine; two hydrographers, at two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; one drafts-

man, Class D; one junior draftsman, Class F; one junior draftsman, Class H; two dredge captains, Class D; four dredge engineers, at nine hundred pesos per annum each; four dredge engineers, Class J; two dredge levermen, Class I; for the hire of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled labor, and such other employees as may be necessary; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees on official business; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; purchase of supplies and material; maintenance, renewals and repairs to plant and the construction of such additional appliances as may be necessary to economically operate the present plant; harbor investigations; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; for maintaining and operating a combination dredge and snag boat on the Cagayan River, Luzon; maintenance and repair of existing port improvements and the removal of obstructions to navigation; and other incidental expenses.

"With the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, funds hereby appropriated for one division of the Bureau of Navigation may be transferred to either or both of the other divisions.

"Subject to approval by the Governor-General, work may be executed by the division of port works for private parties, the total expenses thereof to be collected and deposited to the credit of appropriation for current expenses of the division of port works and become available therefor.

"In all, one million four hundred and twelve thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF POSTS.

"SEC. 17. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Director:

"Director of Posts, at twelve thousand pesos per annum: *Provided*, That the Director of Posts shall act as postmaster of Manila ex officio; Assistant Director of Posts, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; superintendent postal division, at six thousand five hundred pesos per annum; superintendent telegraph division, at six thousand pesos per annum; chief postal savings bank division, at six thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class two; one disbursing officer, class two; two clerks, class four; three clerks, class five; four clerks, class six; six clerks, class seven; five clerks, class eight; two cerks, class nine; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class B; four clerks, Class C; six clerks, Class D; six clerks, Class E; ten clerks, Class F; thirteen clerks, Class G; nine clerks, Class H; ten clerks, Class I; one mechanic, at two hundred and twenty-five pesos per month; two mechanics, at sixty pesos per month each; four

mechanics at fifty pesos per month each; two mechanics, at forty pesos per month each; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; thirty employees, at thirty pesos per month each.

"District inspectors:

"Four district inspectors, class five; four district inspectors, class six; two district inspectors, class seven.

"Post-offices:

"One cashier, Manila post office, class two, whose duties shall include the receipt and accounting in the name of the postmaster for all money which may be received in the transaction of the postal, money order, telegraph, telephone, and Postal Savings Bank business at said post office, and who shall sign, in the name of the postmaster, such accounts and official papers, including money orders, as the Director of Posts may direct; two postmasters, class four; two postmasters, class five; ten postmasters, class six; fifteen postmasters, class seven; ten postmasters, class eight; five postmasters, class nine; four postmasters, Class B; eight postmasters, Class C; eight postmasters, Class D; ten postmasters, Class E; fifteen postmasters, Class F; twenty-five postmasters, Class G; thirty-five postmasters, Class H; one hundred and twenty postmasters, Class I; four hundred and thirty postmasters, at not exceeding four hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; three operators, class four; two operators, class five; six operators, class six; ten operators, class seven; fifteen operators, class eight; ten operators, class nine; nine operators, Class C; ten operators, Class D; ten operators, Class E; ten operators, Class F; twenty-five operators, Class H; forty operators, Class I; sixty-five operators, Class J; fifty operators, at not exceeding two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; three clerks, class four; two clerks, class five; five clerks, class six; seven clerks, class seven; ten clerks, class eight; six clerks, class nine; four clerks, Class A; four clerks, Class B; five clerks, Class C; eight clerks, Class D; ten clerks, Class E; ten clerks, Class F; fifteen clerks, Class G; thirty clerks, Class H; fifty clerks, Class I; forty clerks, at not exceeding four hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one watchman, at one hundred and fifty pesos per month; thirty employees, Manila post office, at thirty-five pesos per month each; forty employees, Manila post office, at thirty pesos per month each; twenty employees, at other post-offices, at twenty-five pesos per month each; forty employees at other post-offices, at twenty pesos per month each; eighty employees at other post-offices, at fifteen pesos per month each.

"Mail transportation:

"Postal clerks on mail trains and mail steamers, at not exceeding two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; one foreman, Manila post-office, at two hundred and twenty-five pesos per month; one driver, Manila post-office, at sixty pesos per month; two drivers,

Manila post-office, at fifty pesos per month each; ten drivers, Manila post-office, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Construction, maintenance, and repair of telegraph and telephone lines:

"Fifteen linemen, class eight; thirty-five linemen, class nine; fifty linemen, class ten; ten linemen, Class H; three hundred linemen, at not exceeding four hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; semi-skilled, unskilled and emergency labor; one wireless engineer, class five; one cable engineer, class seven; one cable seaman at two hundred pesos per month; one cable splicer, at two hundred pesos per month.

"Free-delivery service:

"Four letter carriers, Manila post-office, Class B; forty letter carriers, Manila post-office, Class D; letter carriers for other offices at rates of compensation to be fixed by the Director of Posts, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, not to exceed one hundred thousand pesos.

"Miscellaneous:

"For hire of temporary employees, including ten stamp agents in Manila, at four pesos per month each; accrued leaves of absence, and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands.

"Contingent expenses:

"For inland mail transportation, except railroads; railroad mail transportation; sea mail transportation to foreign ports; mail transportation through foreign countries; repairs and maintenance of old telegraph lines; expenses of cable ship; transportation and traveling expenses of linemen, including allowance of twenty pesos per month for each authorized horse furnished and maintained by said linemen for official transportation: *Provided,* That the Director of Posts is hereby authorized, with the prior approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, to advance from this appropriation to linemen not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five pesos for the purchase of each native horse or four hundred pesos for the purchase of each Australian horse or motorcycle required for transportation, such advance to be reimbursed to the Government by monthly deductions of ten per centum in the case of the purchase of a native horse and twenty per centum in the case of the purchase of an Australian horse or motorcycle from the linemen's salaries; per diems, traveling expenses and transportation of district inspectors traveling on official business; per diems, traveling expenses, and transportation of other officers and employees traveling on official business; transportation of supplies; cablegrams; printing and binding; letter carrier's equipment; mail equipment; telegraph and telephone line supplies; office supplies for telegraph and telephone lines; general office supplies; manufacture of stamps; official transportation in the city of Manila;

rents, lights; telephones; electric current for ventilating and power purposes; repairs to offices; repairs to furniture and fixtures; ice and water; handling telegrams by commercial companies; bond premium paid by Bureau of Posts; secret work; repairs to mail dock; other incidental expenses; in all, six hundred thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

"SEC. 18. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: For per diem of ten pesos for the officer of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey detailed as chief of bureau; one draftsman, class five; one draftsman, class six; one accountant, class six; one clerk, at three thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, at one thousand six hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one draftsman, at one thousand five hundred and sixty pesos per annum; three draftsmen, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos each per annum; one draftsman, at one thousand two hundred and sixty pesos per annum; two draftsmen, Class D; one computer, at eleven hundred and forty pesos per annum; four draftsmen, Class E; one draftsman, at ten hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two draftsmen, Class F; one draftsman, at nine hundred pesos per annum; one draftsman, Class G; one draftsman, Class H; two draftsmen, Class I; two draftsmen, Class J; one draftsman, Class K; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; emergency employees to replace employees on leave; commutation of accrued leave due employees; pay and rations of petty officers and crews of vessels on Insular rolls; hire of field hands and other extra labor for shore parties; reimbursement to the Bureau of the Treasury for watchman service in the Intendencia Building; for contingent expenses, including repairs of steamers and launches: *Provided*, That minor and emergency repairs may be made at the nearest available point when the vessels are away from Manila, without the intervention of the Bureau of Navigation; purchase of one steam launch; supplies for the maintenance and operation of steamers and launches, medical treatment and medicines, uniforms for petty officers and crews on Insular vessels; purchase or hire of pack and saddle animals, camp outfit, supplies, signal lumber; purchase, repairs and maintenance of office supplies and furniture; printing; binding, map printing and photo-lithography, notices to mariners; photographing original sheets; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; transportation and actual subsistence for officers and employees when traveling on Insular business, and other incidental expenses; in all, two hundred and nine thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF LABOR.

"SEC. 19. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Labor, at seven thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at four thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class

eight; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class C; four clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; two clerks, Class I; four clerks, Class J; messengers and temporary employees; accrued leaves; purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems, or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; care and maintenance of office building; building rents; rent of telephones; transportation of emigrant laborers, and other incidental expenses; in all, fifty-four thousand pesos.

"CONSULTING ARCHITECT.

"SEC. 20. For the salary of the Consulting Architect, at twelve thousand pesos per annum: *Provided*, That the expense of authorized assistants, office supplies, per diems, and other necessary charges, shall be paid from the appropriation for the Bureau of Public Works.

"SUPERVISING RAILWAY EXPERT.

"SEC. 21. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Supervising Railway Expert, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class five; two inspecting engineers, class one; one clerk and stenographer, class six; one messenger, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; temporary employees; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; rents; inspection of materials in the United States and elsewhere; janitor service; ice, water, and other incidental expenses; in all, twenty-four thousand pesos.

"DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND JUSTICE.

"BUREAU OF JUSTICE.

"SEC. 22. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Attorney-General, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Solicitor-General, at ten thousand pesos per annum; two assistant attorneys, at seven thousand pesos per annum each; one assistant attorney, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum; two assistant attorneys, at five thousand pesos per annum each; two assistant attorneys, at four thousand five hundred pesos por annum each; two assistant attorneys at four thousand pesos per annum each; two assistant attorneys, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; chief clerk, at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class five; five employees, class seven; two employees,

class ten; one employee, Class A; two employees, Class B; one employee, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two employees, Class D; one employee, Class E; one employee, Class G; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one head janitor, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; one janitor, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum; two janitors at one hundred and eighty pesos per annum each; hire of emergency employees, under approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice; accrued leaves of absence; for contingent expenses, including the purchase of office furniture and repairs; purchase of office supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; rent and care of buildings, and other incidental expenses; in all, one hundred and forty thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF CUSTOMS.

"SEC. 23. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Insular Collector of Customs:

"Insular Collector of Customs, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one special commissioner, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one special agent, class three; one special agent, class five; one law clerk, class five; one translator, class six; one clerk, class seven.

"Cashier's division:

"Cashier, class one; one clerk, class four; one teller, class six; one clerk, class eight; one assistant teller, class nine; one clerk, class ten; three clerks, Class C; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H; three clerks, Class I; one clerk, Class J; one clerk, Class K; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Board of Protests and Appeals:

"One clerk, class five; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J.

"Revenue-cutter section:

"Two captains, class nine; two mates, Class D; two engineers, Class C, with commutation of rations at two pesos per diem each; two assistant engineers, at thirty-five pesos per month each; four quartermasters, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two stewards, at thirty pesos per month each; six firemen, at twenty-two pesos per month each; eight sailors, at twenty pesos per month each, with commutation of rations at forty centavos per diem each.

"Interior ports:

"Coast district inspector of customs, class eight; one clerk, Class J.

"Office of the Insular Deputy Collector of Customs:

"Insular Deputy Collector of Customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, class six; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month.

"Marine division:

"Deputy Collector, class three; two clerks, class six; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class ten; one clerk, Class A; three clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class F; two clerks, Class I; two clerks, Class K; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Appraiser's division:

"Appraiser of the Port, class one; assistant appraiser of the port, class three; two assistant appraisers, class four; two assistant appraisers, class five; five examiners, class six; five examiners, class seven; ten examiners, class eight; seven examiners, class nine; one stenographer, class seven; two examiners, Class D; two examiners, Class E; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class I; two clerks, Class J; three clerks, Class K; three employees, at twenty pesos per month each; two messengers, at fifteen pesos per month each; one weigher, Class H; eight weighers, Class J.

"Liquidation division:

"Chief of division, class five; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class ten; three liquidators, Class D; one liquidator, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, at twenty pesos per month; one messenger, at fifteen pesos per month.

"Passenger and baggage division:

"Chief of division, class five; one inspector, class eight; three inspectors, class ten; one inspector, Class D; one inspector, Class H; two employees, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Office of the Insular Special Deputy Collector of Customs:

"Insular Special Deputy Collector of Customs, at seven thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, class seven; one clerk, Class I.

"Immigration division:

"Chief of division, class three; one inspector, class six; one inspector, class seven; one stenographer, class seven; two inspectors, class eight; one inspector, class nine; two Chinese interpreters, Class D; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H; one employee at thirty pesos per month; one employee, at twenty-five pesos per month; two employees, at twenty pesos per month each; one messenger, at fifteen pesos per month.

"License division:

"Chief of division, class six; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class H.

"Hull and boiler division:

"One supervising inspector, class two; one boiler inspector, class five; one hull inspector, class six; one boiler inspector, class six; one

hull and boiler inspector, class six; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class I.

"Office of the Surveyor of the Port:

"Surveyor of the Port, at eight thousand pesos per annum; two clerks, class seven; one clerk, Class E; one harbor-master, class four; two bay and river guards, Class H; one bay and river guard, Class I; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month.

"Semaphore section:

"One superintendent, at one thousand two hundred and sixty pesos per annum; one assistant superintendent, Class G; three messengers, at thirty-two pesos per month each.

"Inspectors' division:

Deputy surveyor, class four; one inspector, class six; one inspector, class seven; one inspector, class eight; two inspectors, class nine; one inspector, class ten; twelve inspectors, Class A; one inspector, Class B; one inspector, Class C; two inspectors, Class D; three inspectors, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; twenty guards, Class I; eighty guards, Class J.

"Office of the chief clerk:

"Chief clerk, class one; one stenographer, class eight.

"Correspondence and record division:

"Chief of division, class five; assistant chief of division, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class A; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class F; one clerk, Class G; four clerks, Class H; three clerks, Class I; three clerks, Class J; one employee, at forty pesos per month; one employee, at thirty pesos per month; two messengers, at thirty pesos per month each; two messengers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two messengers, at twenty pesos per month each; four messengers, at fifteen pesos per month each.

"Statistical division:

"Chief of division, class five; one clerk, class six; one clerk, class eight; three clerks, class nine; one clerk, class ten; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class B; two clerks, Class C; two clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class F; two clerks, Class G; two clerks, Class H; four clerks, Class I.

"Property section:

"Property clerk, class six; one clerk, Class G; one employee, at forty pesos per month; two employees, at thirty pesos per month each; two cocheros, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Harbor launch division:

"One launch foreman, class eight; one assistant launch foreman, Class C; one patron, Class D; five patrons, Class F; one patron, Class K; one engineer, Class E; five engineers, Class F; one engineer, Class H; two engineers, Class I; two assistant engineers, Class I;

one engineer, Class J; twelve firemen, at four hundred pesos per annum each; five quartermasters, at twenty-five pesos per month each; twenty sailors, at twenty pesos per month each; one messenger, at twenty pesos per month.

"Superintendent of the building section:

"One chief night watchman, at nine hundred pesos per annum; four night watchmen, Class H; two night watchmen, Class I; one laborer, Class H; one telephone operator, Class H; one chief janitor, Class H; thirteen janitors, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Iloilo custom-house:

"Collector of customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; deputy collector of customs, class five; surveyor of customs, class six; one clerk, class six; one appraiser, class seven; two clerks, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one inspector class ten; one inspector, Class A; two clerks, Class D; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, Class E; one clerk, Class G; one clerk, Class I; five guards, Class I; fifteen guards, Class J; for emergency guards, one thousand two hundred pesos; one clerk, at twenty pesos per month; one messenger, at thirty pesos per month; two messengers, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two lookouts, at twenty-five pesos per month each; two laborers, at fifteen pesos per month each; one laborer, at twenty-five pesos per month; one emergency guard, at thirty pesos per month; one engineer, Class G; one patron, Class H; one fireman, Class J; one sailor, Class J; two sailors, at twenty pesos per month each; one assistant engineer, at twenty pesos per month; one fireman, at twenty pesos per month.

"Cebu custom-house:

"Collector of customs, at eight thousand pesos per annum; deputy collector of customs, class five; surveyor of customs, class six; one appraiser, class six; one clerk, class six; one clerk, class seven; two clerks, class eight; two inspectors, class ten; one inspector, Class A; one clerk, Class D; one clerk, Class F; one harbor policeman, Class G; one clerk, Class H; three employees, Class H; five guards, Class I; fifteen guards, Class J; one employee, at thirty pesos per month; one employee, at twenty pesos per month; not exceeding one thousand two hundred pesos for emergency guards; one temporary employee, at forty pesos per month; two temporary employees, at twenty pesos per month each; one patron, Class G; one engineer, Class G; two firemen, Class J; three sailors, at thirty pesos per month each.

"Balabac custom-house:

"Deputy collector of customs, class six; one clerk, Class D; three boatmen, at fifteen pesos per month each.

"Miscellaneous:

"For a fund to be expended in the discretion of the Insular Collector of Customs for pay of secret agents while employed in apprehending violators of the customs, immigration, and revenue laws; payment of

rewards for information in customs and immigration cases; accrued leaves, and hire of temporary employees.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office furniture, apparatus, fixtures, and supplies; per diems of officers and employees when traveling on official business, and, in the discretion of the Insular Collector of Customs, of officers and employees temporarily on duty at places other than their regular stations; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; expenses of harbor launches and customs cutters, including fuel, emergency rations, supplies, repairs, alterations, and other incidental purposes: *Provided,* That minor and emergency repairs may be made at the nearest available point without the intervention of the Bureau of Navigation; clothing allowances of three uniforms, three hats, and three neckerchiefs per annum for each petty officer and member of crew of said launches and cutters; rent of custom-house, port of Cebu; deportation of Chinese who fail to comply with the provisions of Act Numbered Seven hundred and two; subsistence of customs officials while on duty on board United States Army and Navy vessels; per diems for expert testimony of merchants and services of marine officers or other persons appointed on marine examination and other boards; hire and maintenance of land transportation; removal of wrecks which obstruct the navigable waters of the Archipelago; hire of coolies for handling supplies; electric light; fuel; ice; laundry; subscriptions; telephone service, and miscellaneous court fees; for the relief in, and return from foreign ports to the Philippine Islands of destitute Filipino seamen and other incidental expenses; *Provided,* That the expenditures on account of the customs service in the Moro Province shall be made under the general authority of the Insular Collector of Customs, as provided by section thirty-four of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety-two, but appropriations therefor shall be made from the funds of the Moro Province by the legislative council thereof, in accordance with the requirements of said service as indicated by the Insular Collector of Customs, upon the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice: *And provided further,* That the cost and maintenance of customs cutters and other vessels detailed for patrol duty in the Moro Province may be borne in whole or in part by the appropriation for the Bureau of Customs: *And provided further,* That the Bureau of Customs is authorized to charge for services and supplies furnished to any other branch of the Government or other persons, and that the collections resulting from such charges, and the net proceeds of all receipts except for export, import, wharfage, and immigration dues, coastwise license fees, and customs-revenue stamps, shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation for that Bureau and be available for expenditure in addition to the amounts hereby specifically appropriated to the Bureau of Customs; in all, seven hundred and sixty thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

"SEC. 24. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Collector of Internal Revenue, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; one Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at six thousand pesos per annum; one chief clerk, class four; one law clerk, class three, one cashier, class three; three chiefs of division, class four; six chiefs of division, class five; four clerks, class six; four clerks, class seven; nine clerks, class eight; three clerks, class nine; three clerks, class ten; four clerks, Class A; one clerk, Class B; two clerks, Class C; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; seventeen clerks, Class D; thirteen clerks, Class E; sixteen clerks, Class F; twenty-one clerks, Class G; twelve clerks, Class H; fifty-two clerks, Class I; twenty-two clerks, Class J; seven clerks, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; twenty-five clerks, at three hundred pesos per annum each; six clerks, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one messenger, at three hundred pesos per annum; two messengers, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one agent-at-large, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; six agents, at four thousand pesos per annum each; nine agents, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; fourteen agents, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; three agents, at three thousand pesos per annum each; twelve agents, at two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; nineteen agents, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; one watchman, at fifty pesos per month; one janitor, at forty pesos per month; ten laborers, at seventy centavos per day each; temporary employees engaged in stamping and numbering internal-revenue stamps, licenses, cedulas, and so forth, indexing cedula records; banqueros, launch employees, and so forth; temporary storekeepers, at not to exceed seventy pesos per month each; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; bond premiums; printing and binding; janitor's supplies; gauging instruments; riding equipment for agents; telephones; maintenance and repair of launches: *Provided,* That minor and emergency repairs may be made without the intervention of the Bureau of Navigation, at the nearest available point when vessels are away from Manila; forage; allowances of twenty pesos per month each to agents in the provinces for each authorized horse furnished and maintained by said agents for official transportation: *Provided,* That the Collector of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized, with the prior approval of

the Secretary of Finance and Justice, to advance from this appropriation to agents not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five pesos for the purchase of each native horse or four hundred pesos for the purchase of each Australian horse required for transportation, such advance to be reimbursed to the Government by monthly deductions of ten per centum in case of the purchase of a native horse and twenty per centum in case of the purchase of an Australian horse from the agents' salaries; a special fund to be expended in the discretion of the Collector of Internal Revenue for expenses incident to the detection and punishment of violators of the internal-revenue law, six thousand pesos; newspapers, magazines, periodicals, washing, and other incidental expenses; in all, five hundred and seventy-two thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF THE TREASURY.

"SEC. 25. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Insular Treasurer, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Insular Treasurer, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; chief of division of banks and currency, at seven thousand pesos per annum; one paying teller, class one; one receiving teller, class two; one chief clerk, class three; two clerks, class five; six clerks, class six; three clerks, class seven; two clerks, class eight; three clerks, class nine; one clerk, Class A; two clerks, Class D; two clerks, Class F; one clerk, Class G; two clerks, Class H; two clerks, Class I; two clerks, Class J; one special messenger, at six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two messengers, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; three watchmen, at one hundred and fifty pesos per month each, and three guards, at sixty pesos per month each; temporary employees; accrued leaves of absence; and salary allowances to employees appointed outside the Philippine Islands; for contingent expenses, including purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; transportation of officers, employees and supplies; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; per diems or allowances in lieu thereof; cablegrams, postage and telegrams; printing and binding; maintenance of offices; bond premiums of officials and employees; insurance on funds, and other incidental expenses; in all, one hundred and twenty-three thousand pesos.

"DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

"BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

"SEC. 26. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Education, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; Second Assistant Director, at six thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class three; three employees, class four; two employees, class five; two employees, class six; seven employees, class

seven; six employees, class eight; two employees, class nine; two employees, Class A; four employees, Class C; eight employees, at thirteen hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; fourteen employees, Class D; twenty-four employees, Class E; fourteen employees, Class F; eight employees, Class G; eleven employees, Class H; twenty-seven employees, Class I; eight employees, Class J.

"Offices of division superintendents:

"One division superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum; five division superintendents, at five thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; five division superintendents, at five thousand pesos per annum each; two division superintendents, at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; seven division superintendents, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; eight division superintendents, at four thousand pesos per annum each; five division superintendents, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; *Provided,* That salaries may be paid to school superintendents and employees irrespective of the positions to which they are assigned, the provisions of Act Numbered Six hundred and seventy-two to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Insular schools:

"Superintendent of the Philippine Normal School, at six thousand pesos per annum; superintendent of the Philippine School of Arts and Trades, at six thousand pesos per annum.

"General teaching force:

"Six teachers, class five; thirty-two teachers, class six; eighty teachers, class seven; one hundred and four teachers, at three thousand pesos per annum each; two hundred teachers, class eight; one hundred and sixty-six teachers, at two thousand six hundred pesos per annum each; one hundred and sixty teachers, class nine; ten teachers, Class A; ten teachers, Class C; thirty teachers, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; forty teachers, Class D; twenty-six teachers, Class E; thirty teachers, Class F; eighty teachers, Class G; one hundred teachers, Class H; one hundred and eighty-eight teachers, Class I; one hundred and thirty-one teachers, Class J; *Provided,* That the Director of Education, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, may detail or assign any teacher to perform such duties in any branch or division of the Bureau of Education as the service may require, the provisions of Act Numbered Four hundred and thirty to the contrary notwithstanding; *And provided further,* That the Director of Education, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, may designate certain teachers for continuous duty throughout school vacation periods in cases where the good of the service makes this action advisable, such teachers to be entitled to the leave privileges provided in section twenty-three (a) of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight in lieu of the vacation privileges granted to teachers in section twenty-three (d) of said Act; teachers in the night schools,

at not to exceed three pesos per night each, and principals at not to exceed four pesos per night each.

"Miscellaneous:

"Janitors and special laborers for the Normal School, Trade School, School of Commerce and School for Deaf and Blind; hire of student laborers in Trade School, Normal School, Lagangilang and Muñoz; emergency laborers in General Office and division offices; storehouse laborers in the General Office; one superintendent of Filipino Students in the United States, at five thousand pesos per annum; salary of physician attending pupils in Insular schools, at six hundred pesos per annum; accrued leaves and allowances.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office equipment, books, industrial equipment, machinery, and tools; purchase of general supplies and industrial material; transportation of supplies; transportation of officers and employees to the Philippine Islands; transportation of officers and employees from the Philippine Islands; transportation and expenses of officers and employees traveling on official business, including allowances in lieu of hire of horses, bicycles, motorcycles, or other means of transportation owned and maintained by such officers and employees and used while traveling on official business, in the discretion of the Director of Education subject to the subsequent approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction; hire of transportation from the city of Manila; street-car tickets; cablegrams, postage and telegrams, printing and binding; telephones; ice and distilled water for Insular schools and dormitories; fuel and lights for Insular schools and dormitories, and for electric power in the Trade School; rental of buildings for Insular Schools and dormitories connected therewith; repairs to and maintenance of buildings; actual and necessary cost of education and maintenance, including traveling expenses, of students in the United States, at not more than one thousand pesos per annum each, under the provisions of Act Numbered Eight hundred and fifty-four, as amended, and for the actual and necessary living and incidental expenses while in Manila, in the discretion of the Secretary of Public Instruction, and for the traveling expenses of such students from Manila to their homes in the provinces; medical attendance to Government students, as provided by Act Numbered Eleven hundred and thirty-three; actual and necessary traveling expenses of the superintendent of Filipino students in the United States, of an assistant accompanying students from San Francisco to their places of establishment in the United States, and of necessary attendants accompanying parties of students from Manila to San Francisco, and from San Francisco to Manila; honoraria to be paid to teachers giving instruction in the annual vacation assemblies at the rate of not to exceed forty pesos per month for each course given and

not to exceed one hundred and twenty pesos per month to any one teacher, Act Numbered One hundred and forty-eight to the contrary notwithstanding; support of primary instruction in the Provinces of Palawan and Mindoro, to be allotted by the Secretary of Public Instruction; support of primary instruction in the municipalities located on "friar lands" estates, to be allotted by the Secretary of Public Instruction; to be distributed to the municipalities to the credit of their respective school funds by the Director of Education, with the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, for the aid of barrio schools which by reason of the precarious financial condition of the municipalities to which they pertain are unable to open or are about to close: and other incidental expense; in all three million six hundred and ten thousand pesos.

"BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

"SEC. 27. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Director of Agriculture, at twelve thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum; Assistant to the Director, at five thousand pesos per annum; one chief veterinarian, at eight thousand pesos per annum; one chief, division of experiment stations, at six thousand pesos per annum; one superintendent of agricultural-extension work, at five thousand pesos per annum; one assistant chief veterinarian, at five thousand pesos per annum; one supervising veterinarian, at five thousand pesos per annum; one chief, division of animal husbandry, at five thousand pesos per annum; one forage expert, at five thousand pesos per annum; six employees, class four; eighteen employees, class five; nineteen employees, class six; forty-two employees, class seven; fifteen employees, class eight; sixteen employees, class nine; five employees, class ten; one employee, Class A; three employees, class B; three employees, Class C; eight employees, Class D; three employees, Class E; eight employees, Class F; six employees, Class G; six employees, Class H; four employees, Class I; four employees, Class J; six employees, Class K; hire of livestock inspectors, mechanics, teamsters, and laborers at stations and farms; temporary employees; accrued leaves of absence; for contingent expenses, including construction of sewer and water systems, purchase of launches, bancas, vehicles, harnesses, stable supplies, stationery and portable machinery, furniture and fixtures, instruments and apparatus, and repairs to same; purchase of horses, mules, and work bullocks; per diems and transportation of employees; forage; transportation of supplies; office supplies; postage, telegrams, ice, water, electric current, telephones; printing and binding; printing the Agricultural Review; rentals; rabbits and guinea pigs; seeds and plants; medicines; building nipa houses, and other incidental expenses; in all, one million and twenty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty pesos.

"BUREAU OF PRISONS.

"SEC. 28. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Office of the Director:

"Director of Prisons, at ten thousand pesos per annum; Assistant Director of Prisons, at seven thousand five hundred pesos per annum: *Provided, however,* That while occupying quarters in Bilibid Prison the Director and Assistant Director shall reimburse the Bureau of Prisons for the use of such quarters and servants as may be allowed by the Secretary of Public Instruction at the rate of two hundred pesos and one hundred and twenty-five pesos, respectively, per month; Second Assistant Director of Prisons, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, class eight.

"Clerical division:

"One executive inspector, at four thousand pesos per annum; two clerks, class seven; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, class nine; one clerk and interpreter, Class A; one clerk, Class A; five clerks, Class D; one clerk, Class E; two clerks, Class F; two clerks, Class G; one clerk, Class H; one clerk, Class I.

"Prison division:

"One chief inspector of the guard, class seven; two inspectors of the guard, class eight; thirty-one first-class guards: *Provided,* That the pay of first class guards shall be at the rate of one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each for the first year of service, two thousand pesos per annum each for the second year, two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos per annum each for the third year, and two thousand two hundred and eighty pesos per annum each for the fourth year; one overseer, Class C; one overseer, Class D; two sergeants of the guard: *Provided,* That the pay of sergeants shall be at the rate of seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each for the first year of service, eight hundred pesos per annum each for the second year, and nine hundred pesos per annum each for the third year; sixteen keepers; *Provided,* That the pay of keepers shall be at the rate of six hundred pesos per annum each for the first year of service, seven hundred and fifty pesos per annum each for the second year, eight hundred and twenty-four pesos per annum each for the third year, and nine hundred pesos per annum each for the fourth year; forty-six second-class guards: *Provided,* That the pay of second-class guards shall be at the rate of four hundred and eighty pesos per annum each for the first year of service, six hundred pesos per annum each for the second year, six hundred and sixty pesos per annum each for the third year and seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each for the fourth year.

"Miscellaneous:

"Two chaplains, at one hundred pesos per month each; one baker, class nine; one matron, at seventy pesos per month; two sisters of

charity, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one driver, at two pesos and twenty centavos per diem; one driver, at one peso and ninety centavos per diem; two cocheros, at one peso per diem each; two laborers, at thirty pesos per month each; one musical director, at seventy pesos per month; additional compensation for executioner, at twenty pesos for each execution; for hire of temporary employees and for accrued leaves of absence; for such proportion of office salaries of the industrial division as shall be fixed by the Secretary of Public Instruction.

"Iwahig penal colony division:

"One superintendent, at six thousand pesos per annum; one assistant superintendent, at four thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one civil engineer, at four thousand pesos per annum; one farming instructor, class six; one trades instructor, class six; one sawmill foreman, class six; one clerk, class eight; one clerk, Class I; one chaplain, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one agent, at eight hundred pesos per annum; one foreman, class nine; one overseer, Class C; one assistant overseer, Class D; one assistant overseer, Class F; one assistant overseer, Class G; one assistant overseer, Class I; one assistant overseer, Class J; one assistant overseer, Class K; *Provided,* That the superintendent of the Colony, with the approval of the Director of Prisons, is authorized to employ as assistant overseer such suitable colonists, prisoners who have been legally discharged, as may, in his judgment, be necessary; one matron, Class I; two foremen, Class I; four foremen, Class K.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, Bilibid Division, including purchase of office supplies; ice for offices; printing and binding; telephone service; per diems of officers and employees traveling on official business, or allowances in lieu thereof; transportation of officers and employees; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; transportation of supplies and hire and maintenance of land transportation; illuminating supplies and fuel; band supplies; ammunition for target practice; subsistence of prisoners, including hospital special diet; supplies for prisoners, including clothing, bedding, tobacco, mess kits, soap, barber supplies, laundry, and so forth; one suit of clothing of value not exceeding five pesos and a gratuity not exceeding ten pesos, to each prisoner upon release, in cases when in the discretion of the Director of Prisons, such clothing and gratuity are necessary; clothing for pardoned and deported American prisoners; transportation of discharged prisoners to their homes in the Philippine Islands; burial of deceased prisoners; medical and hospital supplies for prisoners, including illumination for hospital; fuel and supplies for kitchen; payment to city of Manila for water for sewer service; miscellaneous equipment and supplies, maintenance of juveniles, miscellaneous renewals and repairs of buildings and equipment and maintenance of water and sewers.

"For contingent expenses, Iwahig Penal Colony Division, including purchase of office supplies; postage; transportation and per diems of employees or allowances in lieu thereof; transportation of supplies, and maintenance of land transportation; subsistence of prisoners; miscellaneous prisoners' supplies, including clothing, bedding, soap, tobacco, mess kits, postage for prisoners' mail, and so forth; supplies for maintenance of water transportation; transportation of prisoners to and from the settlement: *Provided,* That when in the judgment of the Director of Prisons a first-class prisoner merits consideration, his wife, family or fiancée may be permitted to join him and that the transportation from their homes to Iwahig and return may be paid from this appropriation, and also transportation of free colonists from the Colony to their homes and return when such free colonists merit consideration; gratuities to colonists holding positions of trust, not to exceed ten pesos per colonist per month when approved by the Director of Prisons; miscellaneous supplies and equipment; miscellaneous renewals and repairs of buildings and equipment.

"In all, five hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and seventy-eight pesos.

"PHILIPPINES LIBRARY.

"SEC. 29. For salaries, wages, and other expenses as follows: One Librarian, at six thousand pesos per annum, one superintendent and Librarian, at three thousand pesos per annum; one Curator, at three thousand pesos per annum; one cataloguer, class eight; one assistant librarian, class eight; one library assistant, class nine, one assistant librarian, Class D; one assistant cataloguer, Class D; one clerk, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, at one thousand pesos per annum; one property clerk, Class I; four clerks, Class J; three clerks, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; two employees, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; five employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each; six employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each; and for contingent expenses, including maintenance of building; electric current, janitor service, water, ice, water consumption, telephones, repairs and alterations to building, repair of library and office equipment, subscription to periodicals and serials, membership in learned societies, binding and printing, postage and telegrams, transportation of books and library materials, traveling expenses of officials in the Philippine Islands, and between the United States and the Philippine Islands, accrued leaves, per diems of officers and employees traveling on official business, all other temporary and emergency employees, carfare, carromata hire, and other expenses authorized by the Philippine Library Board; in all, fifty-seven thousand five hundred pesos.

"THE JUDICIARY.

"SEC. 30. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows:

"Supreme Court:

"Chief Justice, at twenty thousand pesos per annum; six associate justices, at twenty thousand pesos per annum each; clerk of the court, at six thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at four thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class five; four employees, class six; two employees, class seven; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class B; one employee, Class C; two employees, Class D; one employee, Class E; one employee, at one thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class F; four employees, Class, H; two employees, Class I; three employees, Class J; five employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Reporter of the Supreme Court:

"Reporter of the Supreme Court, at seven thousand pesos per annum; three employees, class six; two employees class seven; one employee, class eight; two employees, class ten; two employees, Class A; two employees, Class D; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Manila:

"Three judges, at eleven thousand pesos per annum each; clerk at four thousand pesos per annum; one assistant clerk, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; three deputy clerks, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each; five employees, class seven; one employee, class eight; two employees, class nine; one employee, at one thousand three hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class E; ten employees, Class H; six employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, First District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, Class C; one clerk, Cagayan, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Isabela, at one thousand four hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Second District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Ilocos Norte, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Ilocos Sur, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class C; one employee, Class D; two employees, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum each; two employees, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum each; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Third District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Pangasinan, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Zambales, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Fourth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class H; one clerk, Nueva Ecija, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Pampanga, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Tarlac, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at six hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; two employees, Class J; three employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fifth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Bulacan, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Rizal, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, at one thousand one hundred and forty pesos per annum; one employee, Class D; one employee, Class H; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Sixth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Bataan, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Cavite, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, La Laguna, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class C; two employees, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum each; two employees, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum each; one employee, Class H; three employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Seventh District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Batangas and Mindoro, at two thousand five hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Tayabas and Marinduque, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; three deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one deputy clerk, at five hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; one employee, Class J; four employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Eighth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Albay, at one thou-

sand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Ambos Camarines, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; one employee, Class I; one employee, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum; one employee, Class J; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Ninth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class seven; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Iloilo at two thousand and four hundred pesos per annum; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class J; one employee, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Tenth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, at three thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Antique, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Occidental Negros, at two thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, at five hundred and fifty-two pesos per annum; one employee, at five hundred and twenty-eight pesos per annum; one employee, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, at three hundred pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Eleventh District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class eight; one clerk, Cebu, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class D; one employee, Class G; two employees, Class H; one employee, Class I; one employee, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum.

"Courts of First Instance, Twelfth District:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; two employees, Class A; one clerk, Leyte, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Samar, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Thirteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class D; one clerk, Misamis, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Surigao, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, district of Lanao, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one clerk, subdistrict of Dapitan, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; four employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fourteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Fourteenth District, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; one employee, class eight, one deputy clerk, Zamboanga, at eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Jolo, at six hundred pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one deputy clerk, at four hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Class J; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Fifteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, Class A; one employee, Class C; one clerk, Capiz, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Sorsogon, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Romblon, at one thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Masbate, at eight hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Palawan, at six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at four hundred and eighty pesos per annum; two employees, Class I; one employee, Class J; one employee, at three hundred and sixty pesos per annum; three empolyees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Sixteenth District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one employee, class nine; one clerk, Bohol, at two thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Oriental Negros, at one thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, Southern Leyte, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one employee, Class I; one employee, Class J; one employee, at four hundred and twenty pesos per annum; two employees, at two hundred and forty pesos per annum each.

"Courts of First Instance, Mountain District:

"One judge, at nine thousand pesos per annum; one clerk, Mountain Province, and Nueva Vizcaya, at two thousand pesos per annum; one stenographer and interpreter, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one clerk, La Union, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, Baguio, at one thousand pesos per annum; two deputy clerks, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one employee, Class J; one employee, at two hundred forty pesos per annum; clerical, interpreting, and translating assistants to the fiscal of the Mountain Province and Nueva Vizcaya, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum.

"Judges of First Instance and employees at large:

"Four judges, at nine thousand pesos per annum each; one employee, class six; two employees, class eight; two employees, class nine; four employees, at nine hundred pesos per annum.

"Court of Land Registration:

"One judge, at ten thousand pesos per annum; four associate judges, at nine thousand pesos per annum each; clerk of court,

at five thousand pesos per annum; assistant clerk, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; one chief surveyor, at four thousand pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at three thousand six hundred pesos per annum; one deputy clerk, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum; three employees, class seven; one employee, at three thousand pesos per annum; five employees, class eight; six employees, class nine; six employees, Class A; three employees, Class C; fourteen employees, Class D; three employees, Class E; seven employees, Class F; four employees, Class G; eight employees, Class H; four employees, Class I; seventeen employees, Class J; eighteen employees, Class K; two employees, at three hundred pesos per annum each.

"Justice of the peace courts:

"Two justices of the peace for the cities of Iloilo and Cebu, at two thousand four hundred pesos per annum each as provided by the provisions of Acts Numbered Seventeen hundred and forty-one and Two thousand and forty-one; ten justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Albay, Ambos Camarines, Batangas, Bulacan, Ilocos Sur, Leyte, Occidental Negros, Pampanga, Pangasinan, and Tayabas, at one thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each; eight justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Cagayan, Capiz, Cavite, Ilocos Norte, La Laguna, Rizal, Samar, and Sorsogon, at one thousand five hundred pesos per annum each; eleven justices of the peace in the provincial capitals of Antique, Bataan, Bohol, Isabela, Misamis, Oriental Negros, Nueva Ecija, Surigao, Tarlac, La Union, and Zambales, at one thousand two hundred pesos per annum each; thirteen justices of the peace in first-class municipalities, at nine hundred and sixty pesos per annum each; forty-two justices of the peace in second-class municipalities, at eight hundred and forty pesos per annum each; one hundred and seventy-eight justices of the peace in third-class municipalities, at seven hundred and twenty pesos per annum each; four hundred and thirty-nine justices of the peace in fourth-class municipalities, at six hundred pesos per annum each; nine justices of the peace in municipalities in the Province of Mindoro, at six hundred pesos per annum each; one justice of the peace in Tagudin, subprovince of Amburayan, Mountain Province, at six hundred pesos per annum.

"Miscellaneous:

"For the hire of special interpreters and other emergency employees under approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice; accrued leaves of absence; salaries for such positions of justice of the peace as may be brought into existence prior to the end of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen through the creation of new municipalities.

"Contingent expenses:

"For contingent expenses, including the purchase and repair of office equipment, furniture, and supplies; per diems of officers and

employees when traveling on official business; all per diems of judges of the Courts of First Instance and of the Court of Land Registration; transportation of officers, employees, and supplies, including the traveling expenses of Justices of the Peace as provided by section thirty-three of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven; expenses incurred in connection with the holding of justice of the peace examinations as provided for in section nine of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one; cablegrams, postage, and telegrams; printing and binding; expenses incurred under section ten of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and seventy-six, and the per diems of clerks of court under section five of said Act, being hereby authorized, the provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; payment of rent for the quarters occupied by the Court of Land Registration in the city of Manila; advertising not otherwise provided for; payment of reasonable charges authorized by the Attorney-General for chemical or medical examinations when in his opinion the provisions of section fifteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and eighty-seven and sections thirty-seven and forty-one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven are insufficient to secure the proper administration of justice, or for other technical or professional services necessarily incident to criminal proceedings conducted in Courts of First Instance or of justices of the peace; payment to witnesses summoned to testify in courts of First Instance on behalf of the Government of such fees, traveling expenses, and other allowances as may be authorized by law; and other incidental expenses: *Provided*, That the judiciary appropriation shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Executive Bureau at the rate of twelve thousand pesos per annum for services rendered by the Reporter of the Supreme Court in editing and publishing the Official Gazette and compiling the laws of the Philippine Legislature: *And provided further*, That the Bureau of Justice shall be charged with the disbursement of appropriations for the judiciary, and the cost of supplies and traveling expenses of justices of the peace shall be a charge against said appropriations, until otherwise provided by law; in all, one million one hundred and eighty thousand six hundred pesos.

"PROVINCE OF MINDORO.

"SEC. 31. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Provincial governor, at three thousand six hundred and fifty pesos per annum, or per diems of ten pesos to the United States Army officer filling the position by detail; provincial treasurer, at four thousand pesos per annum; provincial fiscal, at nine hundred pesos per annum; salaries and wages of such employees as may be authorized by resolution of the provincial board, with the approval of the Executive Secretary; general provincial expenses, including the actual and necessary traveling expenses of officers and employees,

under the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six; for the purposes contemplated by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-five; for the transportation of supplies, purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture, purchase of office supplies, postage and telegrams, printing and binding, hire and maintenance of official transportation, sheriff's fees, court fees, premiums on surety bonds, maintenance of prisoners, permanent equipment, and for a fund to be expended by the provincial governor as provided in Act Numbered Six hundred and eighty-two under the head of "Provincial Government of Lepanto-Bontoc," and for other incidental expenses; in all, thirty-three thousand four hundred pesos.

"PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

"SEC. 32. For salaries, wages, and other expenses as follows: Provincial governor, whose salary is hereby fixed at four thousand eight hundred pesos per annum, as of July thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ten, or per diems of ten pesos to the United States Army officer filling the position by detail; provincial secretary-treasurer, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; salaries and wages of such employees as may be authorized by resolution of the provincial board with the approval of the Executive Secretary; accrued leaves, temporary employees, and general provincial expenses, including the actual and necessary traveling expenses and per diems of officers and employees, under the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six; transportation of supplies, purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture, purchase of office supplies; for the purposes contemplated by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-five; for a fund to be expended by the provincial governor as provided in Act Numbered Six hundred and eighty-two under the head of "Provincial Government of Lepanto-Bontoc;" for cablegrams, postage, and telegrams maintenance, repairs, and fuel for launch; permanent equipment; repairs to buildings; sheriff's fees; maintenance of prisoners; premiums on surety bonds, and other incidental expenses; in all, thirty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-six pesos.

"PROVINCE OF BATANES.

"SEC. 33. For salaries, wages, and other expenses, as follows: Provincial governor, at four thousand pesos per annum; assistant to provincial governor, at three thousand two hundred pesos per annum; provincial secretary-treasurer, at one thousand five hundred pesos per annum; per diems of not to exceed five pesos for the third member of the provincial board for each session at which he is actually present; salaries and wages of such employees as may be authorized by resolution of the provincial board with the approval of the Executive Secretary; part salary and travel expenses of fiscal assigned for temporary duty; general provincial expenses,

including the actual and necessary traveling expenses and per diems of officers and employees, under the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six; transportation of supplies; purchase and repair of office equipment and furniture; purchase of office supplies; postage and telegrams; insurance; repair and maintenance of provincial launch; maintenance of prisoners, repairs and construction of buildings; maintenance of official transportation, and other incidental expenses; in all, seventeen thousand nine hundred pesos.

"PROVINCE OF SAMAR.

"SEC. 34. For the salary of the lieutenant-governor, at four thousand pesos per annum, and for his per diems and traveling and other official expenses, as contemplated by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and forty-nine; in all, six thousand pesos.

"MUNICIPALITY OF CAVITE.

"SEC. 35. For the salaries of the chief and assistant chief of police of the municipality of Cavite, as provided by Act Numbered Twelve hundred and eighty-one, and the salaries of substitutes when necessary, and an allowance of forty pesos per month in lieu of official transportation in kind; in all, five thousand pesos.

"GENERAL PURPOSES.

"SEC. 36. For general purposes, including commutation and payment of claims for salary, part salary, leave, traveling expenses, transportation, expenses of personnel, miscellaneous general expenses of the Government, claims for damages approved by the Governor-General, and expenditures authorized by the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That this fund shall be reimbursable for such payments from the funds of the bureau, office, province, or municipality in interest, when practicable; in all, fifty thousand pesos.

"BOARD OF RATE REGULATION.

"SEC. 37. For the necessary expenses of the Board of Rate Regulation, as contemplated by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, including compensation of its secretary, subject to approval by the Governor-General; in all, five thousand pesos.

"LEGAL SERVICES.

"SEC. 38. For payment of legal services in behalf of this Government, or any branch thereof, before courts outside the Philippine Islands, from January first, nineteen hundred and twelve; in all, five thousand pesos.

"SEC. 39. Total of appropriations, for all purposes except the Bureau of Forestry, seventeen million eight hundred and two thousand two hundred and thirty-six pesos.

"MISCELLANEOUS.

"SEC. 40. The appropriations herein made for each bureau, province, or office, shall be available for payment of authorized commutations of accrued leaves of absence of the officers and employees thereof, and for payment of such expenses as may accrue to such bureaus, provinces, or offices by reason of the operations of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and nine.

"SEC. 41. After payment of all obligations actually incurred in the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve and prior years, whether or not the supplies have been delivered or services rendered prior to the conclusion of said year, including completion of permanent improvements duly authorized, all balances of appropriations heretofore made for the current expenses of bureaus and offices of the Insular Government shall revert to the general fund: *Provided*, That subject to approval of the head of the proper Department, chiefs of bureaus or offices may expend on permanent improvements funds appropriated for current expenses: *And provided further*, That upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department concerned, the Governor-General may direct the restoration of any part of the funds hereby reverted to the credit of the bureau or office for which such funds were originally appropriated: *And provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent transfer of funds by order of the Governor-General under the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and two.

"SEC. 42. The appropriations for current expenses of the various bureaus and offices of the Government shall be available for the payment to the credit of the Fidelity Bond Premium Fund of two-thirds of the premium fixed in pursuance of section three of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, on behalf of Insular officers and employees pertaining to the respective bureaus and offices, and this section shall be considered permanent legislation until specifically amended or repealed.

"SEC. 43. The fines imposed and collected through the efforts of the Philippine Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, its members or agents, for violations of the laws enacted for the prevention of cruelty to animals and for their protection, shall belong to said Society and shall be used to promote its objects, the provisions of section five of Act Numbered Twelve hundred and eighty-five to the contrary notwithstanding.

"SEC. 44. The Insular Auditor is hereby authorized to charge to bad debts the uncollectible balance due the Government of the Philippine Islands from J. W. Walsh, Jr., amounting to three thousand eight hundred and twenty pesos and ninety-seven centavos.

"SEC. 45. In the event of failure on the part of the Legislature to

make provision for the current expenses of the Bureau of Public Works in the Public Works bill providing for permanent improvements for the ensuing year, then, and in that case, the same appropriation which was made for the Bureau of Public Works in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine shall be held to be reënacted effective for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

"SEC. 46. This Act shall take effect as of date July first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by the President, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE OF A. B. NO. 1030.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, Assembly Bill No. 1030, entitled "An Act making appropriation for Public Works," was recalled from the select committee of five to which it was referred on February 1, 1912, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE ON A. B. NO. 947.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, Assembly Bill No. 947, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for distribution to certain provinces and disbursement for the construction or repair of roads and bridges," referred to the Committee on Appropriations on February 3, 1912, was recalled from said committee and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for report and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business, the Commission returned to regular session.

(For appointments confirmed in executive session see pp. 989, 990.)

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock antemeridian on Monday, February 5, 1912.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President (Commissioners Gilbert and Elliott after roll call).

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Saturday, February, 3, 1912, was read and approved.

At this point Commissioners Gilbert and Elliott entered the Session Chamber.

SECOND READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 837. An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Assembly Bill No. 837 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Section 13, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. The Governor-General shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, a disbursing officer

for the Board, who shall receive compensation at the rate of three thousand six hundred pesos per annum. In addition to his acting as disbursing officer he shall discharge such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. The Insular Auditor shall fix his bond. The disbursing officer thus appointed shall be subject to all requirements imposed by existing law upon the disbursing officers of Bureaus and Departments in respect to rendering accounts to the Auditor and in his drawing of moneys from the Treasury and his custody and deposit of same. Until such time as the work in connection with the exposition shall necessitate the whole time of the officers or employees provided for in this Act the Governor-General may detail officers and employees of the Government to perform such duties, but such work shall be performed without additional compensation except that an allowance, in no case to exceed two thousand pesos per annum, may be paid to officers and employees so detailed."

Section 14, line 13, add after the word "Provided" the words "That the unexpended balance of any one year shall be available for expenditure in the succeeding year or years: And provided further."

Section 15, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. The Civil Service Act and its amendments shall not apply to appointments under this Act made outside of the Philippine Islands."

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen, making an appropriation therefor, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 448.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 146, entitled "An Act concerning warehouse receipts," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That it pass.

This is the uniform warehouse receipts law which is in force in a number of the United States and in other English speaking countries.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 146 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 449.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 741, entitled: "An Act appropriating Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health' " has examined the same and

has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee on Appropriations.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 741 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 450.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 770, entitled "An Act authorizing both Houses of the Philippine Legislature to designate the persons who shall administer oaths to their respective members and officers, and authorizing the secretaries of said Houses to administer oaths to their subordinate employees and in official matters without charge," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 770 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 451.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered three hundred and eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called 'The Health Fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the amendment shown in the accompanying draft.

The problem of providing proper sanitary supervision for the municipalities of the Philippines has proven difficult of solution. Very satisfactory results have followed a plan which has been given a practical trial in the Province of Pampanga and the bill under discussion really grows out of the above-mentioned experiment. As passed by the Assembly it de-centralizes governmental control in health matters, vesting it to a large degree in provincial boards. In the opinion of your Committee such an arrangement is neither desirable nor practicable as the exigencies which must often be met are such as to make centralized control and a proper inter-relationship between the several organizations and individuals concerned, imperatively necessary. The necessary changes to make possible this and other results deemed to be important have been embodied in the bill as amended and submitted to the Commission herewith, and it is believed that if this bill could become a law at this time the cause

of sanitation in these Islands would as a result be materially advanced.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The following is the bill as amended by the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior:

SECTION 1. Provincial boards are hereby authorized, for the purposes of health administration, to divide their provinces into sanitary divisions, which may comprise one or more municipalities, and these divisions shall become effective in a province whenever their organization has been agreed to by at least two thirds of the municipal councils concerned: *Provided,* That to dissolve such sanitary division, the vote of two thirds of the municipalities concerned shall be necessary. Any group of municipalities joined to constitute a sanitary division may have a divisional board of health organized in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Three hundred and eight, relative to the organization of municipal boards of health.

There shall be for each division a president who shall be appointed by the Director of Health on the nomination of the provincial board and the municipal councils concerned. The powers, duties and remuneration of such president shall be fixed in the manner hereinafter provided. The President of a sanitary division shall be a duly qualified physician and shall fulfill his duties under the immediate supervision of the district health officer: *Provided,* That in emergency conditions, of the existence of which the Director of Health shall judge, persons with qualifications satisfying the Director of Health may be appointed to act temporarily as presidents of municipal sanitary divisions.

SEC. 2. The president of a sanitary division shall reside in the municipality, the location of which, in the judgment of the district health officer, will afford the greatest facilities for the proper discharge of his duties.

SEC. 3. The powers and duties of the president of a sanitary division shall be as follows:

(*a*) He shall, subject to the direction of the district health officer and the divisional board of health, exercise general supervision over the hygienic and sanitary conditions of the division, including the public and private premises therein, and shall enforce all sanitary laws and regulations, and shall cause to be prosecuted all violators of sanitary laws and regulations and shall enforce all regulations made by the Director of Health.

He shall have the power and authority to abate any nuisance endangering the public health and to remove the cause of any special disease or mortality, and to enforce any quarantine regulations applying to a municipal district.

(*b*) He shall provide himself with the necessary appliances, and also, the instruments for all emergency cases, medical, surgical and obstetrical.

(*c*) He shall draft and recommend to the municipal councils of his division the necessary ordinances for the enforcement of the provisions of paragraphs (*k*), (*l*), (*m*), (*n*), (*p*), (*q*) and (*r*), of section thirty-nine of the Municipal Code.

(*d*) He shall inspect at least weekly, and as much oftener as may be necessary each of the municipalities in his division, and shall give free consultation to the indigent poor in each municipality for at least two hours weekly in the local municipal building or any other local available building found to be more suitable.

(*e*) He shall, when requested, attend personally and gratuitously all cases of dystocic labor among the poor and when necessary shall request the assistance of the president of the nearest sanitary division.

(*f*) He shall prepare and forward to the district health officer the quarterly report and other health reports of each municipality within his division.

(*g*) He shall keep such records and statistics as may be required by the district health officer.

(*h*) He shall carry out, and when so directed, he shall supervise the work of vaccination and disinfection in his division.

(*i*) He shall visit any house or place where any person is suffering or is dead of a dangerous, communicable disease and shall carry out the prescribed and other measures necessary to prevent the spread of such disease. He shall, whenever practicable, furnish free medicines to indigent patients and when requested he shall render, free of charge, medical services to all government officers and employees, to all persons in custody, and to other persons entitled to such service.

(*j*) In the case of accidents or serious injuries received by an indigent person whose condition is such as not to allow of removal to the municipal building, he shall when requested afford free treatment at the person's own house or elsewhere.

(*k*) Whenever required by the Director of Health, he shall cooperate with the presidents of other sanitary divisions in the suppression of any epidemic.

(*l*) He shall, when requested by the district health officer, examine the bodies of persons who die without medical attendance in his division, and shall issue the necessary certificate of death.

(*m*) He shall, once a year or more frequently if necessary, give in each of the barrios or other convenient areas of his sanitary

division a public lecture in the local dialect, either directly or through an interpreter, on medical and sanitary subjects of local importance.

(*n*) He shall, whenever so directed by the district health officer, attend the conferences of presidents of sanitary divisions which the district health officer is hereby authorized to call.

SEC. 3. There shall be maintained in every municipality a suitable stock of drugs and medical supplies under the charge and responsibility of the President of the sanitary division. From any such stock articles may be sold at cost plus the necessary reasonable surcharge to cover cost of preparation and losses due to transportation, deterioration or other causes. The permanent value of such stock at any dispensary shall not exceed two hundred and fifty pesos. The sale of medicines from the public stock shall be prohibited whenever a pharmacy is opened by a pharmacist or other person legally authorized to sell medicines in the locality, and whenever such pharmacy is opened the municipal supplies shall be used exclusively for public free service.

SEC. 4. Each municipality of a sanitary division shall have one or more sanitary inspectors, appointed by the provincial board on the recommendation of the district health officer after consulting with the president of the sanitary division. Except in cases of emergency such appointees shall be selected in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Civil Service: *Provided,* That with the approval of the Director of Health, persons who have previous to the passage of this law held the position of president of a municipal board of health, not *ex officio,* may be appointed sanitary inspectors without previous examination.

The duties and powers of sanitary inspectors shall be determined by the district health officer of the province in conference with the Presidents of the local sanitary divisions.

SEC. 5. Each municipality shall set aside each year an amount not less than five per cent nor more than ten per cent from its general funds and each provincial board shall set aside a like amount from its general funds, which amount, added to that appropriated by the municipalities under its jurisdiction shall constitute a special fund to be known as "health fund": *Provided,* That municipalities whose general funds do not exceed three thousand pesos a year shall, upon application to the Director of Health, be exempted from the requirements of this section.

The "health fund" thus created shall be deposited with the provincial treasurer and shall be used only for the purpose of paying the salaries and traveling expenses of presidents, subordinate officers and employees of the sanitary divisions of the province and for the purchase of medicines, medical supplies, and disinfectants to be distributed among the municipalities concerned for sanitary and other medical purposes: *Provided,* That if at the close of the fiscal year there shall remain any balance in the "health fund," provincial boards

are hereby authorized to accumulate such balances from year to year for the purpose of establishing hospitals, benevolent institutions in the province, or of carrying out other permanent sanitary improvements: *Provided further*, That whenever in the course of official service any president of a sanitary division travels to visit or attend any pay client or patient, he shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any traveling expenses incurred in this latter regard and shall state in a sworn voucher to accompany his claim for reimbursement that the claim does not include any such expense.

SEC. 6. The provincial boards shall, in accordance with recommendation of the district health officer, when approved by the Director of Health, fix the salaries of the presidents of sanitary divisions and other sanitary employees of the province: *Provided*, That the salaries of presidents of sanitary divisions shall not be less than one thousand two hundred pesos per annum nor more than three thousand six hundred pesos per annum.

SEC. 7. Traveling expenses of presidents of sanitary divisions and other sanitary employees on official business shall be regulated by the district health officer of the province with the approval of the provincial board.

SEC. 8. Leave of absence due to illness or other cause shall be allowed under such conditions as the provincial authorities and the district health officer may approve: *Provided*, That during epidemics no leave shall be granted without the approval of the Director of Health. In case of illness, or authorized absence the president of a sanitary division may, with the approval of the district health officer, arrange with the president of another sanitary division to act in his stead, such service to be without additional salary; in such cases the president so acting shall recover the traveling expenses and per diems to which the regular incumbent of the position is entitled. In the event of any officer refusing to render such service the district health officer shall designate for duty such president as he deems fit.

SEC. 9. Presidents of sanitary divisions and sanitary inspectors shall not be removed from office without an investigation made by the provincial board and the health officer of the district. In any such investigation the accused shall be given an opportunity to defend himself before final action is taken and he shall also have a right of appeal to the Director of Health, who may confirm, rescind, or vary the decision of the provincial board.

SEC. 10. Presidents of sanitary divisions, under this Act, shall, within their divisions, exercise all the powers conferred on presidents of municipal boards of health under existing laws relating to public health.

SEC. 11. Any person violating any regulation made under the provisions of this Act, or made under the provisions of the sanitary laws of the Philippine Islands, or violating a written order issued

under such regulations, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred pesos.

SEC. 12. All parts of Act Numbered Three hundred and eight which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be held to limit the existing powers of the Director of Health, and that all the functions and duties under this Act shall be under his supervision.

SEC. 13. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section one, Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 798 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities into sanitary divisions and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred and eight; defining their powers and duties, and providing for each province a special fund to be known as "Health Fund," for this and other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

RECESS.

At 1 o'clock the President declared a recess until 3 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 3 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian the Commission reconvened.

The President in the chair.

Commissioners Worcester and Elliott absent.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 452.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples," has examined the same and has the honor report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 2, line 8, strike out the word "five," and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifteen."

Strike out all of section 2.

Renumber section 3, making the same section 2.

In order that the intervention of the Government, should the same become necessary, may be effective, your committee believes that the limit of purchases by the Government should be largely in excess of the 5,000 tons proposed in this bill. Last year for the purpose of alleviating the distress occasioned by the rice shortage the Government purchased 11,460 tons of rice. Your committee therefore recommends this amendment, fixing the limit of the purchases to be made by the Government at 15,000 tons.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1039 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the select com-

mittee be concurred in, with the following additional amendment:

Section 1, page 2, line 10, after the words "customs dues" insert the words "on such rice."

And that, as so amended, the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Gilbert voting in the negative.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples, making an appropriation therefor and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

At this point Commissioners Worcester and Elliott entered the Session Chamber.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 453.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 673, entitled "An Act repealing certain provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed.

This bill is the same as Commission Bill No. 136, which was passed by the Commission on November 24, 1911.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 673 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 454.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1031, entitled "An Act to amend article eleven of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed.

This section of the Penal Code as amended by this bill is an improvement on the section as it now stands.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1031 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, Commissioners Gilbert and Elliott voting in the negative, and Commissioner Worcester not voting.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 455.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out the subject headings at the beginning of the sections.

Strike out the word "Director" wherever it appears, and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "Director of Public Works."

Section 1, page 2, line 27, strike out the words "(*i*) The Director is the Director of Public Works;" and change the lettering of subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Same section, page 3, lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "(*m*) 'Horn' shall include every other signaling device approved by the Director" and insert in lieu thereof the words "(*l*) 'Horn' shall include every other signaling device by sound."

Section 3, page 4, line 1, after the words "Public Works" insert the words "or in the office of the district engineer;" lines 15 and 16, strike out the words "forty-eight hours" and insert in lieu thereof the words "thirty-six hours;" and insert at the end of said section the words "Like application shall thereafter be filed for each motor vehicle before the first day of January of each year."

Section 4, page 4, line 18, strike out the words "five pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ten pesos;" and in line 20, strike out the words "three pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "five pesos."

Section 10, page 6, line 10, before the word "owner" insert the word "new;" strike out the word "new" before the word "purchaser" in line 15, and insert it before the word "owner" in line 16.

Section 12, page 8, lines 10 to 13, strike out the words "automobiles employed for the private use of dealers shall be separately

registered under sections three, four, five and six of this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words "except those for his private use, each of which shall be separately registered under sections three, four, five and six of this Act. The fee for registration of a dealer in motor vehicles shall be twenty pesos."

Section 14, page 9, line 3, after the word "chauffeur" insert the words "to answer such further questions or;" in lines 6 and 7, strike out the words "for such occupation" and insert in lieu thereof the words "to operate motor vehicles;" line 8, after the word "examination" insert the words "or without the same;" line 12, after the word "kind" insert the words "style, type, or make and power;" line 13, after the word "until" insert the words "the first day of January next following, or until;" and in lines 18 to 22, strike out the following proviso: "*Provided,* That all persons who are now chauffeurs, and all owners of automobiles who occasionally personally operate their own vehicles may, without examination, obtain a license within the period of thirty days after the publication of this Act."

Section 16, line 20, strike out the words "section fourteen" and insert in lieu thereof the words "section fifteen."

Section 17, line 28, strike out the words "fifteen years of age" and insert in lieu thereof the words "eighteen years of age."

Section 19, page 11, line 24, before the words "more than one year" insert the words "less than six months nor."

Section 20, page 11, line 27, strike out the word "is" and insert in lieu thereof the words "or his representatives are;" page 12, line 9, strike out the words "publicly owned" and insert in lieu thereof the words "property of the Government or any of its political subdivisions;" line 13, strike out the words "publicly owned" and insert in lieu thereof the words "owned by the Government or any of its political subdivisions;" and in lines 20 and 21, strike out the words "not having knowledge of such suspension or revocation is injured" and insert in lieu thereof the words "is injured, or damage is caused."

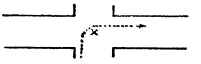
Section 21, page 13, line 11, strike out the word "open" and insert in lieu thereof the words "not closed."

Section 22, page 14, line 20, before the word "more" insert the words "less than one nor."

Section 24, page 15, insert after the words "damage to the highway" in line 11, the following new paragraph: "The velocity of a motor vehicle within the centers of the *poblaciones* shall not exceed twelve miles an hour. The fact that a chauffeur, while passing through the center of a *poblacion,* runs a motor vehicle at a speed higher than twelve miles an hour shall be considered as *prima facie* evidence of the violation by such chauffeur of the pro-

visions of the first paragraph of this section: *Provided, however,* That in cases of accidents within *poblaciones* the circumstance that the velocity of the motor vehicle at the time of the occurrence of the accident was not higher than twelve miles per hour shall not constitute a defense for the chauffeur unless it is proved, besides, that such velocity was proper and reasonable considering the width of the road, the traffic, the grade, the crossings, and other conditions of the road, atmosphere and weather;" and in line 18, add after the words "fifty pesos" the words "or by imprisonment of not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Section 25, page 15, line 30, insert after the word "thus" at the end of the line, the following diagram:



Section 27, page 16, line 11, strike out the words "less than ten nor more than one hundred pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "less than fifty nor more than two hundred and fifty pesos;" and in line 12, insert after the words "of not" the words "less than fifteen days nor."

Section 28, page 16, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 28. Whenever any of the provisions of this Act regulating or prescribing the speed limit of motor vehicles or the rights of other persons have been violated by the chauffeur or by any unlicensed person, and at the time of such violation the owner of the motor vehicle was in or occupying the same the said owner shall be deemed to be guilty of the same offense or offenses, and liable to the same penalty or penalties as the offending chauffeur or unlicensed person and shall with such chauffeur or unlicensed person be held jointly and severally responsible and answerable for any and all damage or injury done to the person or property of another resulting from the violation of the provisions referred to: *Provided, however,* That said owner may, in his defense, establish the fact that the offense was committed, or that the injury or damage was done to the persons or property of others, by said chauffeur or unlicensed person against the orders given by said owner."

Section 29, page 17, line 5, before the word "more" insert the words "less than five days nor."

Section 31, page 17, line 14, after the word "warning" insert the words "and also."

Section 32, page 17, line 25, strike out the words "so that" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the intent of this provision being the requirement of a warning within such a distance that."

Section 33, page 18, line 7, add after the word "feet" the words

"ahead and the light thrown forward or ahead of the motor vehicle shall be white light;" and insert at the end of the first paragraph the words "The lighting of only one of a pair of additional lamps while a motor vehicle is operated upon a public highway is prohibited."

Section 34, page 19, line 8, strike out the word "frightened" before the word "horse."

Section 36, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 36. All motor power shall be stopped in every motor vehicle whenever the same is unattended on any highway. Whenever a motor vehicle passes through thickly populated districts of any municipality or barrio or through the streets of any city the 'muffler,' if the vehicle be propelled by a gasoline motor, shall not be cut out or disconnected and no unnecessary noises of any kind shall be given off, emitted, caused or made by any motor vehicle at the times or in the places in this section described."

Insert a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 37. No smoke shall be given off or emitted by any motor vehicle in appreciable quantities while the same is in, or is passing through, the streets of any city or the thickly inhabited portions of any municipality or barrio in the Philippine Islands, or in any other place where the same shall constitute a nuisance;" renumbering subsequent sections accordingly.

Insert a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 41. Every person who refuses, after being requested by the Director of Public Works or his authorized agents, or by any police officer, to show the license or permit issued to such person to operate a motor vehicle, knowing the official character of the person making such request, and every person found guilty of a violation of sections thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine and forty of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than two hundred pesos or by imprisonment of not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Section 40, strike out in its entirety.

Section 41, strike out in its entirety.

Insert the following new sections to read as follows:

"SEC. 42. The conviction of any person of any offense under this Act shall not bar prosecution and conviction of other offenses in this Act or elsewhere defined and penalized which may have been committed by such person concurrently with the commission of the offense of which he was convicted or in doing the act or series of acts which constituted the offense of which he was convicted.

"SEC. 43. Whenever any owner or chauffeur has been convicted of a violation of the offenses described in sections twenty-two, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three, thirty-four, and forty-

nine of this Act the license of such owner or chauffeur to operate motor vehicles may in the discretion of the Director of Public Works be revoked by him and he may refuse thereafter to issue to such person a license to operate a motor vehicle for a period not exceeding two years.

"SEC. 44. Whenever any owner or chauffeur has been three times convicted of the violation of any one or more provisions of this Act, or of any regulations lawfully issued or prescribed by the Director of Public Works under authority of this Act, such third conviction shall *ipso facto* revoke the license of the person convicted and he shall for two years thereafter be ineligible to be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the Philippine Islands;" and renumber subsequent sections.

Section 42, add at the end thereof the words "For certifying such convictions or judgments no fee shall be demanded or paid."

Section 43, line 10, insert after the word "publication" the words "in the Official Gazette."

Section 45, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 48. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to designate as his agents and deputies district engineers or provincial or municipal treasurers at such places and offices as he may deem expedient to assist in carrying out the provisions of this Act. And each and every district engineer or provincial or municipal treasurer so designated is hereby vested with all power and authority which is conferred upon the Director of Public Works by this Act except that contemplated in sections eight, thirty, forty, forty-three, forty-six, and forty-seven. And the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to formulate and issue such administrative rules and regulations as may be found necessary to govern his agents and deputies and to give full effect to the provisions of this Act."

Section 47, strike out in its entirety.

Insert the following new section:

"SEC. 50. A permanent reimbursable appropriation of eight thousand pesos is hereby created out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this Act, and all fees collected under the provisions hereof shall be and become a part of, and be merged with and into the said appropriation."

Section 48, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "such supplies as may be necessary" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such motor vehicles, supplies, forms, equipment, stationery, books and other property as may be necessary."

Section 49, lines 8 to 10, strike out the words "Subsection (*e*) of section eight of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three" and insert in lieu thereof the words "All Acts or parts of Acts contrary to the provisions of this Act."

Section 50, strike out in its entirety.

Change references to sections according to foregoing omissions and additions of sections.

Respectfully submitted.

JUAN SUMULONG, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1001 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the amendment recommended by the select committee be concurred in, with the following further amendment:

Section 3, page 3, line 29, strike out the word "before" and insert in lieu thereof the words "within sixty days after."

Section 10, page 7, lines 1 to 3, strike out the words "Every person neglecting or refusing to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty pesos."

Section 24, page 15, strike out the words "The velocity of a motor vehicle within the centers of the *poblaciones* shall not exceed twelve miles an hour. The fact that a chauffeur while passing through the center of a *poblacion*, runs a motor vehicle at a speed higher than twelve miles an hour shall be considered as *prima facie* evidence of the violation by such chauffeur of the provisions of the first paragraph of this section: *Provided, however,* That in cases of accidents within *poblaciones* the circumstance that the velocity of the motor vehicle at the time of the occurrence of the accident was not higher than twelve miles per hour shall not constitute a defense for the chauffeur unless it is proved, besides, that such velocity was proper and reasonable considering the width of the road, the traffic, the grade, the crossings, and other conditions of the road, atmosphere and weather."

Section 28, strike out in its entirety, renumbering subsequent sections accordingly.

Section 29, page 17, line 2, insert after the word "vehicle" the words "and the driver of any other vehicle concerned in the accident shall also be required to come to a stop and give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle if requested, and all other persons present or witnessing the accident shall give their names and addresses if requested."

Section 37, strike out the words "appreciable quantities" and insert in lieu thereof the words "unreasonable or annoying quantities."

Section 39, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 39. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized from time to time, in his discretion, to prohibit the sale in or importation into the Philippine Islands of such style, kind or makes of tires as in his judgment tend seriously to cut up or otherwise injure or damage public highways. Within thirty days after the publication of this law the Director of Public Works shall send to every dealer in motor vehicles in the Philippine Islands a list and description of the prohibited types and kinds of tires, and from time to time thereafter as such other types and kinds shall be found to be injurious to the roads.

"Any dealer in tires who, after receiving such notice, sells any of the prohibited kind shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in the next succeeding section.

"It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to publish from time to time a list and description of the prohibited kind and type of tires, and thereafter every owner or dealer using or permitting the use of such tire or tires on his motor vehicle or vehicles shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in the next succeeding section."

Section 40, after the words "not less than five" insert the word "pesos;" and strike out the words "or by imprisonment of not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment" at the end of the section.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Sumulong, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Sumulong moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators, and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 2, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum."

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments are as follows:

Section 1, line 9, page 2, insert after the word "published" the following: "in the Official Gazette and."

Same section, lines 12 and 13, page 2, strike out the words "if no date is fixed" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "or thereafter as may be fixed."

Section 2, page 4, line 3, insert the words "sum of" after the preposition "of."

Same section, page and subsection, line 4, strike out the word "signs."

Same section, page and subsection, lines 5 and 6, strike out the words "The carrying or displaying of banners, placards, advertisements, or handbills, or."

Same section, subsection and page, line 7, strike out the words "across, over, or from any building along the same."

Same section, subsection and page, line 9, strike out the word "same" and substitute therefor the word "streets."

Section 3, line 10, page 5, strike out "(*qq*)" and insert in lieu thereof "(*nn*);" strike out in their entirety subsections (*kk*), (*ll*) and (*oo*), and change subsections (*mm*), (*nn*) and (*pp*) to subsections (*kk*), (*ll*) and (*mm*); same page, line 30, after the word "sewers" insert the words "hereafter constructed."

Section 5, page 11, line 21, strike out the words "and one-half."

Same section and page, lines 24 and 26, strike out the words "or before;" same section, page 12, lines 4 and 9, strike out the words "or before."

Same section, page 11, line 28, strike out the word "fifteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "six;" same section, page 12, line 10, strike out the word "fifteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "six."

Same section and page, change the word "one" in lines 4 and 7 to the word "one-half."

Same section, page 12, strike out everything after the word "tax," in line 13, to the end of the section in line 17.

Section 6, page 12, lines 22 and 23, strike out the words "and burying grounds, churches, and their adjacent parsonages and conventos."

Same section and page, lines 24 and 28, strike out the word "religious."

Same section and page, lines 29 and 30, strike out the words "entire final."

Same section and page, line 31, strike out the words "belonging to a single owner."

Same section, same page, line 32, insert after the preposition "of" the words "one hundred."

Same section, page 13, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "entire final."

Same section and page, line 3, strike out the words "two hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty."

Same section and page, line 4, strike out everything after the word "building" down to the word "tax" in line 9.

Same section and page, line 10, strike out the word "law" and substitute in lieu thereof the words "provisions of law."

Same section and page, strike out everything after the word "notwithstanding" in line 11 to the end of the section in line 14.

Referred to the President as a select committee.

FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 5, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 117, entitled "An Act to amend section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-eight by providing that any Government property in any rented building be included as within the terms of said Act."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 5, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission

Bill No. 164, entitled "An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes."

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments are as follows:

Section 5, page 3, lines 1, 2 and 3, strike out the words "but a small fee may in the discretion of the board of directors be charged for admission to the grounds during certain days."

Section 7, page 3, line 14, after the word "appropriated" insert the following words: "provided that the merchants of the city of Manila shall donate to the Exposition Board the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos for the purposes of this Act."

Same section, same page, line 12, strike out the words "one hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Same section, same page, line 25, strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifteen."

The question being on the adoption of the amendments of the Assembly, the amendments were disagreed to, and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission request a conference with the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Elliott be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 5, 1912, passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 181, entitled "An Act authorizing the establishment of an agricultural bank under the guaranties authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven."

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments of the Assembly are as follows:

Section 1, line 3, between the words "corporation" and "under" insert the words: "in the Philippine Islands and."

Amend section 2 to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The corporate domicile of the bank shall be the city of Manila, but branches must be established in the principal provinces of the Islands where authorized by the Philippine Legislature, upon the recommendation of the board of directors of the bank."

Add the following proviso at the end of section 4:

"*Provided,* That the rate of interest to be charged by the lender shall be uniform throughout the Philippine Islands."

Section 5, page 2, line 22, strike out the word "ten" and insert in lieu thereof the word "five."

Section 7, page 2, lines 31 and 32, strike out the words "the Philippine Commission and the Secretary of War" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the Philippine Legislature."

Amend section 8 so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. The articles of association, after having been approved by the Philippine Legislature, shall not be amended nor altered in any way without the express authorization of said Philippine Legislature."

Strike out sections 9, 10, and 11.

Amend section 13 so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. At the end of each calendar year the bank shall compute its net earnings for the year in the following manner: To its gross earnings for the year it shall add all sums received during the year in payment of obligations to the bank which became due during previous years and were not paid. From the total so obtained the bank shall deduct: (1) All expenses of operations for the year; and (2) all sums maturing during the year and not paid on or before the thirty-first day of December. The difference shall be considered, for the purposes of this Act, to be the bank's net profits or net loss, as the case may be for the year in question. From the bank's annual net profits, so computed, the bank shall set aside forty per cent at least to the credit of the reserve fund of the Bank until such fund shall be equal to twenty-five per cent of the paid-in capital of the bank, and the rest for dividends or such other uses consistent with law as it may determine. If the surplus fund shall at any time fall below twenty-five per centum of the bank's paid-in capital it shall again be placed to the credit of the surplus fund until such fund is restored to the equivalent of twenty-five per centum of the bank's paid-in capital."

Strike out section 15.

Change the numbers of sections 12, 13, 14, and 15 to 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments of the Assembly, the amendments were disagreed to, and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission request a conference with the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Araneta be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 456.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 949, entitled "An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and substitute therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. The Governor-General is hereby authorized, for and in behalf of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to exercise the right of eminent domain conferred upon said government, whenever in his opinion it may be necessary or advantageous to the Government to do so. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General, when so directed by the Governor-General, to cause condemnation proceedings to be begun in the court having jurisdiction.

"SEC. 2. Municipal councils and provincial boards are hereby authorized, for and in behalf of their respective municipalities or provinces, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, to acquire real estate for public uses by the exercise of the right of eminent domain.

"SEC. 3. The right granted in the two preceding sections shall be exercised in the manner provided in sections two hundred and forty-one and two hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, as amended.

"SEC. 4. When condemnation proceedings are brought under and by virtue of the authority conferred by this Act in any court of competent jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands, the plaintiff shall have the right to enter immediately upon the possession of the land involved, after and upon the deposit by it with the provincial treasurer of the value of the land, in money, as provisionally and promptly ascertained and fixed by the court having jurisdiction of the proceedings,

said sum to be held by the provincial treasurer subject to the orders and final disposition of the court: *Provided, however,* That the court may authorize the deposit with the provincial treasurer of a certificate of deposit of any depository of the Government of the Philippine Islands in lieu of cash, such certificate to be payable to the provincial treasurer on demand in the amount directed by the court to be deposited. The certificate and the moneys represented thereby shall be subject to the orders and final disposition of the court. And the court is empowered and directed, by appropriate order and writ if necessary, to place the said plaintiff in possession of the land, upon the making of the deposit.

"SEC. 5. In case it shall appear from the pleadings or from the report of the commissioners, or the court shall otherwise be satisfied of the fact, that the true ownership of the lands sought to be condemned is uncertain and that there are conflicting claims to and diverse interests in any parcel of land sought to be condemned, the court, if satisfied that the real owners of the land have been notified and are before the court, shall, upon rendering judgment for condemnation and for payment of the sum or sums fixed by the court as just compensation for the land taken, order such sum or sums to be paid to the clerk of the court for the benefit of the persons who shall ultimately be adjudged entitled thereto. The sum or sums so awarded shall be governed by the rules laid down in section two hundred and forty-four of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety. Upon the payment by the plaintiff to the defendants of compensation as fixed by the judgment, or after tender to the defendants of the amounts so fixed and payment of the costs, or in case the court shall order the compensation paid into court the plaintiff shall have the right to appropriate to the public use defined in the judgment the land so condemned. In case such payment is made into the court, the clerk of the court shall be responsible upon his bond for the sum so paid and shall be compelled to receive it.

"SEC. 6. Any party claiming an interest in money paid into court in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section may litigate in court his claim thereto, and the court shall apportion the sum so paid in among the various claimants thereto as justice shall require, and shall award such costs as to it may seem equitable, but the plaintiff in the condemnation proceedings shall not be a necessary party to the proceedings for the distribution of the sum or sums paid into court, nor be answerable for any costs arising from such litigation.

"SEC. 7. The Court of First Instance of the province wherein such real property is located shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of proceedings for the condemnation of real property for a municipality or province or for the Government of the Philippine Islands.

"SEC. 8. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill the same shall take effect on its passage in accordance with section

one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 949 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in with the following amendment:

Section 1, amend to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Governor-General is hereby authorized, for and in behalf of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to determine when it is necessary or advantageous to exercise the right of eminent domain conferred upon said government. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General, when directed by the Governor-General, to cause condemnation proceedings to be begun in the court having jurisdiction."

Section 4, amend last sentence to read as follows:

"After such deposit is made the court is empowered and directed, by appropriate order and writ if necessary, to place the said plaintiff in possession of the land."

Section 5, in last sentence, strike out the words "In case" and insert in lieu thereof the word "If."

Section 8, strike out in its entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by the title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act giving to municipalities and provinces and to the Governor-General in behalf of the Government of the Philippine Islands the right to acquire for public uses real property of private ownership by condemnation under judicial process and conferring on courts of first instance exclusive original jurisdiction thereof and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 457.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 973, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of twelve thousand pesos, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for expenditure for the purchase of seeds of food plants by the Bureau of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands and their shipment and distribution to the municipalities or persons making applications therefor, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill do pass.

This bill provides for the purchase and distribution of seed and your committee believes it would serve some useful purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 973 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioners Branagan and Elliott voting in the negative.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 458.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1053, entitled "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and thirty-seven of the Philippine Commission regulating horse racing in the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation:

That the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to permit racing on all legal holidays except Decoration Day, Rizal Day, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. In the opinion of your committee nothing would add so much to the breeding of good horses in the Philippines as the encouragement of racing under proper restrictions, and it is not believed that the amendment contemplated herein will overstimulate racing.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1053 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 459.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1015, entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation of five hundred and seventy-five thousand pesos for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen for the University of the Philippines, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill do pass.

This is the regular appropriation bill for the University of the Philippines. The appropriation for the College of Medicine and Surgery is contained in the regular appropriation bill, which brings the total amount authorized for the university up to ₱750,000. Your committee believes that at least ₱625,000 are necessary for the proper

conduct of the university during the coming fiscal year, and if this bill is passed it will recommend that the amount included in the general appropriation bill for the College of Medicine and Surgery be reduced to ₱50,000, or in the event that the general appropriation bill is not agreed upon will recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General this reduction.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1015 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

The President explained that he was opposed to the amount carried by this bill but not to the bill itself.

[Committee Report No. 460.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 983, entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into the Philippine Islands of plant diseases and epidemics," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill do pass with the following amendment:

Substitute for section 3 the following section:

"The sum of twenty thousand pesos is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying into effect the purposes of this law, and the Director of Agriculture is authorized to expend these funds in whatever manner may seem most expedient in the purchase of materials, the employment of inspectors, the establishment of fumigating stations, and such

actual and necessary traveling expenses as may be incurred by the inspectors."

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 983 was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass without amendment.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 461.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 937, entitled "An Act authorizing the provinces and sub-provinces of the Philippines to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of the Philippines or any other official educational centers in Manila," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the annexed bill be passed with the amendment hereinafter specified.

The purpose of this bill is to promote professional and scientific instruction among the students of the provinces of this Archipelago, by granting them aid in all cases in which the candidates have satisfactorily completed an entire course in the High School of their province, are persons of excellent conduct and physical constitution,

and have not sufficient means for continuing their studies in Manila; but inasmuch as it is necessary, in order to achieve the best results, that the greatest justice prevail in the selection of the candidates, your committee proposes the following amendment:

In section 1, page 1, line 10, insert the words "once only" between the words "reimbursement" and "of," so that said section will read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Any provincial board, or any lieutenant-governor with the consent of the provincial board, in the Philippine Islands, may appropriate from the general funds of the province or subprovince, not otherwise appropriated, the amount necessary for one or two permanent allowances, at the rate of not to exceed forty pesos a month, payable monthly through the Bureau of Education, for one or two students of the province or subprovince, to enable them to follow a professional career in the University of the Philippines, or in any official educational center of Manila. In addition to the allowance, a student selected shall be entitled to reimbursement, once only, of the actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses from his residence to his place of study and vice versa; to matriculation and graduation fees, if any; and to be admitted into and cured in the Philippine General Hospital free of charge, in case of illness."

In section 4, page 2, line 26, insert the words "as well as the superintendent of schools" between the words "provinces" and "shall," so that said section will read as follows:

"SEC. 4. After the applications have been presented and received, the provincial board and lieutenant-governor in the provinces, as well as the superintendent of schools, shall proceed to the selection of the students, and the students presenting the highest general average in their examination, or, other conditions being equal, those having the highest averages in the subjects necessary for the career to be followed, or whose funds are most limited, shall receive preferable consideration, and in the last recourse, the procedure shall be as public interest may advise."

Such is the opinion of your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 937 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

Commission with the recommendation that the amendment to section 1 recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, that the bill be further amended as follows:

Section 1, page 1, lines 6 to 9, strike out the words "for one or two students of the province or subprovince, to enable them to follow a professional career in the University of the Philippines, or in any official educational center of Manila," and insert in lieu thereof the words "for one or two students of the province or subprovince, in the University of the Philippines or in any governmental educational institution of Manila, to enable them to follow a professional career."

Section 2, add at the end thereof the following:

"(*e*) And whose parents or guardians are unable to meet the expenses of a higher education."

Section 3, line 10, after the word "it" insert the words "shall determine the profession or professions to the preparation for which such allowances shall be devoted, and."

Section 4, amend to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. After the applications have been presented and received the superintendent of schools of the province shall, in the presence of the provincial board or the lieutenant-governor of the subprovince, as the case may be, proceed to hold an examination of such applicants, and the applicants obtaining the highest general average in such examination, or, if such averages are equal, those having the highest average for the subjects necessary for the career proposed to be followed, shall be designated."

Section 6, strike out in its entirety.

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the provinces and subprovinces of the Philippine Islands to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of

the Philippines or any other governmental educational institution in Manila.

The motion prevailed, and the title so amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE OF BILLS.

Assembly Bill No. 999. An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Assembly Bill No. 999 was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Amend section 2 to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The Auditor shall make a report of the result of his investigations to the head of the Department under whose executive control the Bureau or Office affected may be."

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

Assembly Bill No. 956. An Act to appropriate funds for charitable purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 956 was read the second time and together with the report of the standing committee thereon, (Committee Report No. 436),[1] referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the

[1] See ante, page 708.

Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Section 1, line 1, strike out the words "seventy-nine thousand pesos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "seventy thousand pesos."

Amend the second paragraph of section 1 to read as follows:

"For the campaign for the extermination of tuberculosis by the Philippine Islands Anti-Tuberculosis Society, fifty thousand pesos; for the protection of infants, through the institution 'La Gota de Leche,' twelve thousand pesos; for the Mary J. Johnston Hospital, eight thousand pesos. Total, seventy thousand pesos. *Provided,* That no such appropriation shall be paid to any institution that makes any discrimination as to persons received or treated by the same on the ground of religious belief, and that before any money can be allotted under this law the purpose for which it shall be used shall be approved by the Secretary of Public Instruction."

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Commission then proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

After the consideration of executive business the Commission returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes postmeridian,

On motion by Commissioner Elliott,

The Commission adjourned to meet on Tuesday at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT, *Secretary.*

Second Philippine Legislature.

Special Session of 1912.

JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSION.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

The Commission met at the call of the President at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes antemeridian.

Present: Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Luzuriaga, Araneta, Palma, Sumulong, Branagan, Elliott, and the President.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Monday, February 5, 1912, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MANILA, February 6, 1912.

GENTLEMEN: By virtue of the authority vested in me by Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, I hereby submit for the consideration of the special session of the Philippine Legislature convened for the days from February second to February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, inclusive, the following:

1. The matter of relieving the Philippine Railway Company from the necessity of constructing its railway lines in the island of Negros.
2. The matter of taxation on machinery.
3. The matter of the rate of interest to be paid by the Manila Railroad Company on loans made from the gold-standard fund.
4. The matter of the extension of time in which the cutting of timber is free.
5. The matter of a proper commemoration of the Philippine patriot Rizal.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

Ordered spread upon the Journal.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 462.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly and for provincial and municipal officials, including all municipal councilors, shall be held on the first Tuesday of June, nineteen hundred and twelve, and on the first Tuesday of June of every fourth year thereafter."

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
Select Committee on Amendments to the Election Law.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted and Assembly Bill No. 1000 was read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act fixing the date for the general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly and for municipal and provincial officials.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

RECESS.

At 12 o'clock and 45 minutes postmeridian, the President declared a recess until 3 o'clock and 15 minutes postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 3 o'clock and 15 minutes the Commission reconvened, The President in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Clarin, Tirona, and Ledesma.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Araneta be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Ledesma.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Gilbert be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Ledesma.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Gilbert be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1022, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Adriático, Veyra, Concepción, Nieva and Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1022, entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Gilbert, Worcester, Araneta, Elliott, and Branagan be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 463.]

GENTLEMEN: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 5, 1912, the amendments of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum," has examined the same and

has the honor to report them back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the Assembly amendments be not agreed to and that a conference be requested.

While some of the Assembly amendments, such as the amendment to section 1 (sec. 10), providing that all ordinances be published in the Official Gazette as well as in two newspapers, appear to be unobjectionable, it is the opinion of your committee that others can not be concurred in.

In addition to removing the power of the Municipal Board to make special assessments, section 3 (sec. 17, subsection (*kk*)), the city tax rate is reduced to 1 per cent, section 5 (sec. 47). In the Commission bill one of the reasons for reducing the tax rate was to offset the burden added by special assessments. Presumably, to offset this loss in revenue, the Assembly amended the bill, section 6 (sec. 48), so as to subject all church property, religious property, and cemeteries to taxation. It is understood that this would add to the assessment rolls about ₱16,000,000 worth of real estate, which would mean about ₱160,000 additional taxes to the city. This would not make up the loss of revenue incurred by a reduction of the tax rate to 1 per cent. Other changes are made reducing the penalties for the nonpayment of taxes, section 5 (sec. 47), also taking away certain privileges of the taxpayer of paying after he has become delinquent. The power of the Municipal Board, section 2 (sec. 17, subsection (*h*)), to regulate processions and to regulate the display of flags, signs, etc., on the streets is curtailed. Although the Board is given power to compel sewer connections from abutting property this amendment is so worded, in the opinion of your committee, that this power will exist only with respect to property abutting on sewers which may be built hereafter, section 3 (sec. 17, subsection (*mm*)).

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

Ordered, That Commissioner Palma be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 464.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized

under Act Numbered Eighty-three," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out in their entirety all chapter numbers and headings.

Section 8, page 3, line 5, strike out the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Constabulary."

Strike out sections 34 and 35 in their entirety.

It should be noted that no appropriation is made to enable the Governor-General to aid the provincial boards when they have not the money necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 988 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 465.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 981, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled 'The Labor Accidents Law,' and for other purposes," has examined the

same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This subject is receiving careful consideration in many countries. It is a very complicated and difficult one and should receive further study and consideration before a law is enacted.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 466.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1040, amending subsection (*i*) of section 40 of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That said bill be passed in its entirety.

Any comment in favor of this bill is superfluous, for to be convinced of its utility and necessity, it is sufficient to bear in mind the damage done by dogs, cattle, sheep, and goats running at large and not under the charge of a person of sufficient discretion to attend to care of same.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Assembly Bill No. 1040 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 467.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1051, entitled "An Act amending section forty-three (*j*) of the Municipal Code as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-four, so as to authorize the free traffic of certain sledges over improved roads and of other kinds of sledges only for crossing such improved roads from one side to the other," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 468.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 823, entitled "An Act appropriating funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated to aid municipalities in establishing and maintaining intermediate schools, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That this bill be laid on the table.

It is true that the number of intermediate schools is in no way commensurate with the demand for them. Your committee believes perhaps that the most important development still to be made in the Bureau of Education is in the way of increasing intermediate schools. It is with regret that your committee can not at this time support this bill, but it is evident that the revenues for the next year will not be sufficient to permit an increase in the number of these schools.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 469.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 948, entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of a committee of three to investigate and make a report and recommendations on the situation of the Filipino laborers who have emigrated to the Hawaiian Islands, appropriating the sum of six thousand pesos from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the expenses and per diems of said committee, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 948 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 470.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 901, entitled "An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ninety, as amended, and ratifying and confirming all executive orders of the Governor-General extending the area subject to the disposition, administration, and authority of the committee appointed under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended, and the acts of said committee in the premises," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

The purpose of the first section is to correct an error made at the time of the enactment of Act No. 1990 by inserting the words

"appointed in accordance with Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended" in lieu of the words "created by this Act."

The purpose of the second section is to legalize the acts of the Governor-General and of the committee performed in good faith in the belief that the law authorized them to enlarge the jurisdictional zone of the committee. This power is clearly conferred by the Spanish text of the law, but in making the translation into English of said text an error was committed, which gave rise to an opinion of the Attorney-General in which it was held that "it was not the intention of the Legislature to provide in said section 3 of Act No. 1990 that the Governor-General may, under the terms of said section, place any part of said city of Cebú, not already so placed, under the disposition, administration, and control of the said committee."

Respectfully submitted.

RAFAEL PALMA, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 901 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Palma, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioners Araneta, Sumulong, and Elliott voting "No."

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

Commissioner ELLIOTT. The first section of this bill is an extremely vicious piece of legislation, objectionable from every possible point of view. However, as the second section merely ratifies and confirms certain acts heretofore performed in good faith, I have no objection to it.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing

the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called 'health fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Fajardo, Reyes and Villanueva (H.).

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called 'health fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Worcester and Araneta be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 949, entitled "An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Reyes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 949, entitled "An Act authorizing

municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Sumulong be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 940, entitled "An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Borja, Zurbito, and Claravall.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 940, entitled "An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioners Araneta and Luzuriaga be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Concepción.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Elliott be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1054, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating five thousand pesos for the maintenance in an appropriate manner of the land and house where Doctor Jose Rizal was born and lived, in the municipality of Calamba, Province of La Laguna, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1054 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendment:

Strike out the words "Doctor José Rizal" wherever they occur and insert in lieu thereof the words "José Rizal."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title by striking out the words "Doctor José Rizal" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "José Rizal."

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed the following bill (A. B. No. 1056), in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1056 was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass with the following amendment:

Strike out section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. All unpaid taxes on machinery attached to and forming a part of real estate which accrued prior to January first, nineteen hundred and twelve, are hereby remitted."

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of

Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Gilbert moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act remitting certain unpaid land taxes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Guanco, Grajo, and Villanueva (H).

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, the managers at the same on the part of the Commission to be the Commissioners heretofore appointed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes

of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Sotto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 648, entitled "An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, the managers at the same on the part of the Commission to be the Commissioners heretofore appointed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 966, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 966, entitled "An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands,' as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts

until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, the managers at the same on the part of the Commission to be the Commissioners heretofore appointed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1029, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Sotto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1029, entitled "An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, the managers at the same on the part of the Commission to be the Commissioners heretofore appointed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 186, An Act authorizing the establishment of quarantines and regulating the movement of cattle within the Philippine Islands.

Commission Bill No. 186 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Palma, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the bill as passed.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 471.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1041, entitled "An Act amending paragraph (*b*) of section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled 'An Act creating the fidelity bond premium fund, providing for assurance against losses, shortages, and defalcations by officers or employees accountable for public funds and public property, and for other purposes,' by extending the provisions of said Act so as to include all employees in the offices of municipal treasurers," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out everything following the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The permanent reimbursable appropriation created by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine and known as the fidelity bond premium fund shall hereafter be available for the following uses and purposes:

"(*a*) To replace losses, shortages and defalcations in the accounts of all Insular, and provincial officers and employees and officers and employees of the city of Manila who are accountable for public funds or public property, unless such officers and employees have been relieved under the provisions of existing law;

"(*b*) To replace losses, shortages and defalcations in the accounts of treasurers of all municipal corporations, who are at the same time deputies of the provincial treasurer, unless such officers have been relieved in like manner;

"(*c*) To replace losses, shortages and defalcations in the accounts of all treasurers of municipal corporations not deputies of the provincial treasurer, unless such officers have been relieved in like manner;

"(*d*) To replace losses, shortages and defalcations in the accounts of employees of treasurers of municipal corporations, whether such treasurers are or are not deputies of the provincial treasurer, provided that such employees have been bonded under the provisions of this Act, and have not been relieved under the provisions of existing law;

"(*e*) To repay losses to such persons as have sufferred losses in money or property intrusted to any officer or employee bonded under

the provisions of this Act, when such money or property was so intrusted to, or received by such officer or employee in the regular course of his official duty, in accordance with law or authoritative regulations, and the amount of the loss and the liability of the officer or employee has been determined in accordance with the provisions of section fourteen of this Act;

"(*f*) To pay all fees and costs accruing as a result, and in consequence of any civil action or proceeding taken against any bonded officer or employee, within the meaning of this Act who has suffered losses in the public funds or public property for which he is accountable, or who has defaulted, or in whose accounts of public funds or public property shortages may be discovered which have arisen from whatever cause, or who has suffered losses or shortages or has committed defalcations in money or property belonging to any person who has intrusted the same to such officer or employee as provided in subsection (*e*) hereof;

(*g*) To pay the salaries and wages of such persons as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act, and to defray all the expenses which may arise or be necessary in and to the proper administration of the fund and to give effect to the ends and purposes of this Act.

"SEC. 2. All sums and moneys paid by any and all officers and employees who have been bonded under the provisions of this Act to replace sums or moneys paid out of this fund on their behalf or on account of losses, shortages or defalcations incurred by them; all payments required from provinces or municipal corporations, and from officers and employees bonded under the provisions of this Act on account of premiums; all sums paid as, or on account of premiums under the provisions of this Act out of funds or appropriations of Insular Offices or Bureaus; all sums, fees and costs recovered for and on account of the fidelity bond premium fund through legal or judicial proceedings; all interest, repayments of loans, and other accretions on the money of the fidelity bond premium fund; and all sums, funds and moneys due to the said fund on the date of the passage of this Act, shall be merged in, accrue to and become a part of said fidelity bond premium fund.

"SEC. 3. The Governor-General shall fix, and may from time to time change, the annual rate of premium chargeable for insurance of the fidelity of officers and employees in the fidelity bond premium fund. Two-thirds of the premium computed at the rate so fixed shall be paid to the fidelity bond premium fund on behalf of every Insular officer or employee, out of the appropriation of the Bureau or Office of which he is such officer or employee, and in the case of provincial officers or employees, and officers and employees of the city of Manila, and of treasurers of municipal corporations, and the employees in the offices of such treasurers, two-thirds of said premium shall be paid by the province to which the particular bonded position may belong

or by the city of Manila, or by the proper municipal corporation, as the case may be, and one-third of such premium shall in all cases not exempted under sections four and eleven of this Act be paid out of the personal funds of the officer or employee whose fidelity is insured in said fund. The Insular Treasurer shall collect the full amount of premiums from the various Bureaus, Offices, provinces, the city of Manila and municipal corporations, and these in turn shall collect from their respective bonded officers and employees their proper share of premiums.

"SEC. 4. The Philippine Commission may, by resolution, exempt any accountable officer or employee from the payment of his part of the bond premium, and any officer or employee now exempted from such payment shall continue to be so exempted unless and until the Philippine Commission, by resolution, shall otherwise determine.

"SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Insular Treasurer to prepare and keep an exact and accurate record of bonded positions in such manner and in such detail as may be required by the Secretary of Finance and Justice, and to make such changes in said record from time to time as changing facts and conditions may require.

"SEC. 6. Whenever an appointment or designation is made to any bonded Insular or provincial position, or to a bonded position under the city of Manila, or to the dual office of deputy provincial treasurer and treasurer of a municipal corporation, or to the office of treasurer of a municipal corporation, the person so appointed or designated shall *ipso facto* be deemed to be a bonded officer or employee within the meaning of this Act, and his liability as such shall begin on the day on which he enters upon the discharge of the duties of such position; and his liability for the payment of his share of the premium, and the liability of the Insular Bureau or Office, the province, the city of Manila, or the municipal corporation, as the case may be, for its share of the bond premium of such person shall begin on such day. No formal application on the part of any person occupying a bonded position shall be deemed necessary to make him such bonded officer or employee, but the fact of his acceptance of the position and of his entrance upon the discharge of the duties of such position shall be deemed to carry with it his consent to be placed upon the schedule of bonded officers and employees, and to the assumption of all duties, premium charges, liabilities, and penalties by law attached to such position.

"SEC. 7. All premiums shall be due and payable semiannually in advance, and no refund of premiums so paid shall be made from the fidelity bond premium fund; but refund of unearned premiums shall be made to the officer or employee who has paid the same (*a*) upon retirement from the service, by his successor, or (*b*) in case there is no successor, and in all cases where by reason of illness or other cause an acting officer or agent is appointed and bonded, from the appropriations or funds of the Bureau, Office, province, or municipal

corporation concerned, the intent of this law being that two bonds shall not exist for the same office at the same time.

"SEC. 8. The chief of the Bureau or Office to which any bonded position, now in existence or hereafter created, may pertain, shall at once, and without delay, notify the Insular Treasurer of the appointment or designation of any person to fill or discharge the duties of such position. In the provinces this duty shall be performed by the provincial treasurers, in Manila by the secretary of the Municipal Board, and in the case of treasurers of municipal corporations by the officer making the appointment. Such notification shall contain the title or designation of the position, the name of the person appointed or designated, the name of the person relieved, the financial or property accountability pertaining to the position and the maximum of public funds, or the total value of the public property likely to be in the hands of the incumbent at any one time, the salary attached to the position, the amount of the bond required of the position by law or authoritative regulation, if any, and if not, a recommendation as to the amount, the date of the relief of the preceding incumbent from the duties of such position, and the date on which the person appointed or designated assumes charge. Such notification shall also state the opinion of the appointing officer of the business and moral qualifications of the person appointed or designated for the position in question and any such other information in the possession of the appointing officer as may have a bearing upon the amount of the bond to be required or as may be asked for by the Insular Treasurer. Upon receipt of this information the Insular Treasurer shall place the name of such person upon the record provided for in section five of this Act: *Provided, however*, That the Insular Treasurer, if in his judgment the character, associations, or habits of the insured person do not constitute such person a safe and conservative risk, may report the facts to the Governor-General for proper action.

"SEC. 9. When an official is acting in the dual capacity of deputy of the provincial treasurer and treasurer of a municipal corporation notification thereof, as prescribed in section eight of this Act, shall at once and without delay be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer by the provincial treasurer whose deputy such official is. In such case one-half of the premium payable from public funds shall be paid by the province and the other half by the municipality. It shall be the duty of the provincial treasurer, subject to the supervision of the Insular Auditor, to collect from the various municipal corporations in his province, the treasurers of which are his deputies and from the individuals who are his deputies, the amounts respectively due as bond premiums, and to forward the same to the Insular Treasurer.

"SEC. 10. When it is desired to insure in the fidelity bond premium fund, the fidelity of any employee in the office of a treasurer of a municipal corporation, except in the city of Manila, the treasurer of such municipal corporation shall make an application on behalf of such employee giving all the information described in section eight

of this Act. Such application shall be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer through the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor each of whom shall either approve the application or set forth his reasons why he disapproves the same. Unless such application receives the approval of both the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor the name of the employee shall not be entered upon the schedule prescribed in section five of this Act.

"If, however, the approval of the two officers aforesaid has been given, the name of such employee shall be entered upon the schedule aforesaid, and thereupon the provisions of sections three, six, seven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of this Act shall apply in so far as the same are not inconsistent with this section.

"SEC. 11. Whenever any official, employee, or agent shall be designated by the proper authority temporarily to perform the duties of the head of a Bureau or Office or of any subordinate office or the duties of any position or any employment under any Office, Bureau, or province in accordance with section fifteen of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, all fidelity and premium charges which shall be due or accrue on account of such temporary designation shall be paid wholly from the appropriation or funds of the Department, Bureau, Office, province, or municipal corporation, as the case may be, in which the services are rendered.

"SEC. 12. All persons whose names are listed on the record required in section five of this Act to be made and kept shall be deemed to be bonded to the Government of the Philippine Islands for the benefit of whom it may concern for the faithful performance of all duties now or hereafter imposed by law upon the positions occupied by them, and for the faithful accounting for all public funds and public property coming into their possession, custody, or control by appropriation, collection, transfer, or in any other manner, and for the lawful payment, disbursement, expenditure, delivery or transfer of all public funds or public property in their hands, possession, or custody or under their control as accountable or responsible officers, and for the faithful accounting, payment and delivery of funds and property not public coming lawfully into their hands by reason of their official duties.

"SEC. 13. Every person whose name is or has been listed on the schedule provided for in section five of this Act shall be deemed to be or to have been a 'bonded officer' or a 'bonded employee' within the meaning of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and five, entitled 'An Act forbidding, under penalty, bonded officers or bonded employees, or former bonded officers or bonded employees, of the Insular Government, or of any provincial or municipal government in the Philippine Islands, or the city of Manila, from leaving or attempting to leave the Philippine Islands without first securing a certificate from the Insular Auditor, and repealing Act Numbered Eleven hundred and sixty-one,' and within the meaning of every other Act fixing the responsibility, accountability, liability, duties, or penalties of officers

or employees required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties and the accounting for public funds or public property.

"SEC. 14. The Insular Auditor shall fix the amount for which the various positions contemplated in this Act shall be bonded. The Auditor shall determine the exact amount of losses, shortages, and defalcations which may be found in the accounts of any bonded officers, employees, or agents, whether of money or property, the amount to be paid in order to replace such losses, shortages, or defalcations, and the account or accounts of the Bureau, Office, province, or municipal corporation to which, or the private individual to whom such sums shall be paid from the fidelity bond premium fund. When the Auditor has determined such amount he shall certify the same to the Insular Treasurer, who shall thereupon issue a warrant on inter-Bureau voucher therefor.

"SEC. 15. The powers and duties vested in the Insular Auditor by the Accounting Act are hereby extended in their entirety to the fidelity bond premium fund.

"SEC. 16. The moneys in the fidelity bond premium fund may be invested by the Insular Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor-General, in any or all of the ways in which the funds of the Philippine Postal Savings Bank may be invested by the Postal Savings Bank Investment Board under authority of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended.

"SEC. 17. The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to sheriffs of provinces or to provincial governors acting as sheriffs.

"SEC. 18. Section twenty-three of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

" 'SEC. 23. The governor of the province, or, if he declines to act as sheriff, any person lawfully appointed to the position of sheriff, shall, before being qualified to perform the duties of sheriff or officer of the court, execute a bond, with not less than three sureties, running to the Government of the Philippine Islands, for the benefit of whom it may concern, in such penal sum as shall be fixed by the Insular Auditor. The sureties on said bond shall qualify under oath before the judge of the Court of First Instance, or, in his absence, before the clerk of the court. The bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of himself and his deputies as sheriff and officer of the court, and for the payment to the Government or the persons entitled thereto of all sums of money that shall come into his or their hands officially. Its form shall be prescribed by the Auditor, who shall approve and forward it to the Insular Treasurer for file. The bond shall bear an indorsement of the provincial treasurer stating that after due investigation, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the sureties collectively own real property in double the amount of the bond free from incumbrances and over and above any liabilities owing by them. The bond shall thereupon be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer and be

kept on file in his office. The bond shall be available for the benefit of the Government and of any person in interest. Until the bond has been approved by the Auditor the officer shall not be entitled to any fees for services performed, but the Auditor's approval shall be effective as of the date of the bond. The Governor or sheriff may require each deputy appointed by him to execute a sufficient indemnity for his protection against any wrong-doing on the part of such deputy.'

"SEC. 19. Acts Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine and Nineteen hundred and one are hereby repealed."

The bill as now submitted is the same the passage of which has been recommended by the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments in making its report on Assembly Bill No. 717 which deals with the same subject. The changes introduced in the Assembly bill make it possible to include the positions of the employees of the municipal treasurers among the bonded positions, as proposed. However, these employees will not be bonded officers *ex officio*, beginning with the date of their appointment or designation, as provided in the Assembly Bill, but will be required to furnish bond only upon application of the municipal treasurers under whom they serve, which application shall be addressed to the Insular Treasurer, through and with the approval of the provincial treasurer and the Insular Auditor. It has been deemed wise to leave it to the municipal treasurers whether or not the employees in their offices should be bonded, for two reasons: in the first place, because the salaries of the employees of the municipal treasurers are in many cases so small that the payment of premiums on bonds would be onerous for them, and in the second place, because the employees mentioned handle funds only in the discretion of the municipal treasurer under whose orders they are working, when on account of special circumstances, such as the great area of the territory covered by the municipality, the municipal treasurer is compelled to utilize their services for the collection of taxes.

It has also been deemed wise to make possible the bonding, not alone of the employees of the municipal treasurers who are deputies of the provincial treasurers, but of all employees of municipal treasurers, whether these be deputies of the provincial treasurer or not. This will make it possible to apply the provisions of the proposed law to the employees in the office of the municipal treasurer of Baguio, who is not the deputy of any provincial treasurer. It has not been endeavored to make said provisions applicable to the same employees in the city of Manila, because these, unlike the employees of other municipalities are *ex officio* bonded officers if the nature of their official duties is such as to place funds or property under their custody.

Lastly, it has been deemed wise to use this opportunity for introducing other changes in the existing legislation governing fidelity

bonds, and though the changes proposed are not of a fundamental character, yet they are so numerous and it would have been necessary to amend such a large number of existing provisions of law that it has seemed best to draft a new bill repealing Acts Nos. 1739 and 1901, which include the fundamental provisions of existing law governing fidelity bonds.

The purposes of the most important of these changes are:

(*a*) Increase the purposes and uses of the fidelity bond premium fund; and

(*b*) Provide that the expenses caused by the administration of said fund shall be defrayed by the same.

The other changes introduced are of secondary importance, their purpose being to explain existing provisions of law which are not very precise, or adapt such provisions to the fundamental idea of the principal changes above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

JUAN SUMULONG, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1041 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the select committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill be laid on the table.

The report and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1055, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resins, stone, earth, and other forest products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Bill No. 1055 was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior for report and recommendation.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 472.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of three, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 497, entitled "An Act on marriage and divorce," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The motive influencing the Assembly in formulating its bill on marriage and divorce is worthy of the greatest consideration, and it was no doubt for this reason that this bill obtained a majority in that House when it came up for passage.

However, considering that this matter constitutes a problem of the greatest importance and difficulty at this time in the history of the Filipino people, the bill in question being apparently opposed to the common thought and feeling of the immense majority of the inhabitants of the Archipelago, your committee, on these grounds, does not believe it advisable or opportune that said bill be now passed and established.

If it were a question of dealing with a people who were not so eminently catholic and whose beliefs and customs regarding the indissolubility of marriage were not so rooted as those of the Filipino people, it might perhaps have been possible for a marriage and divorce law so formulated as to prevent abuse, to have merited general approval from public opinion; but in the case with which we are dealing it is not possible to hope for such a result and fearing the disturbance which might be produced in the public conscience by the enactment of so radical a measure as the one which we have referred to, your committee, following the counsels of discretion and prudence, is of the opinion that said bill should be laid on the table, as stated in the beginning.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA, *Chairman.*

I agree with the recommendation contained in this report that the bill be laid on the table. After careful consideration, I am of the opinion that it would bring about greater evils than those it seeks to remedy.

GREGORIO ARANETA, *Member.*

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

MINORITY REPORT.

[Committee Report No. 473.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The undersigned does not agree with the recommendation of the majority. The necessity of passing a divorce law during the present session arises from the fact that the existing marriage legislation is incomplete and inadequate for the needs of our society. General Order No. 68, the sole existing marriage law since the American occupation, provides only for the annulment of marriages, but not for their dissolution and divorce. Under the present law these are governed by the "Leyes de Partidas," an altogether antiquated and obsolete piece of legislation.

Moreover, the passage of this bill is necessary because it provides a legal remedy for persons who have failed to find a happy or at least supportable union in their marriage. The fact that the bond of matrimony is considered indissoluble can not prevent the existence of marriages that are practically divorced, and it is therefore believed that a conservative divorce law like the one under discussion would have a tendency to moralize society and would give unhappy beings a means for remedying their misfortune.

For this reason the minority of your committee recommends that the bill be considered and passed with amendments.

Respectfully submitted.

RAFAEL PALMA,
Member of Committee on Assembly Bill No. 497.

To the Honorable
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Sumulong moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and adopted by the Commission.

The motion was lost.

Commissioner Luzuriaga then moved that the majority report be adopted.

The motion prevailed, Commissioners Palma and Sumulong voting in the negative.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

Commissioner SUMULONG. I am in favor of the proposed divorce law which the report proposes to lay on the table, because in this bill two tendencies are represented which I consider essential to any proper divorce law, to wit: Restriction of the causes for separation to cases in which it is evident that the felicity of the home, lost through the

infidelity or moral perversity of one of the spouses, can not be reëstablished and a sincere and lasting reconciliation of the spouses can not be reasonably expected, and the granting of the right to request a separation to the offended spouse alone. I would develop this last feature still further by providing that in certain cases the court granting a divorce may prohibit the guilty spouse from contracting new nuptials, for a certain time or ad perpetuam, as the circumstances may render advisable in each case. To summarize: In principle and along general lines I agree with the bill passed by the Assembly, though I consider it susceptible to improvement in certain points and details.

As to the argument adduced in divers forms, that a divorce law authorizing absolute separation in certain cases is not good for the Filipino people because of their idiosyncracy, or because our present social condition makes the introduction of such legislation inadvisable, I can only say that inasmuch as it is an undoubted fact that in all society, particularly where monogamy has taken deep root, and whatever may be its peculiarities or degree of advancement, there are cases of matrimonial differences due to facts or acts establishing a deep abyss between the spouses. The necessity of a divorce law is counseled by natural law in such societies, and the circumstance whether many or few persons in a given country are in need of its benefits in order to recover the happiness to which they have a right and which they have lost through no fault of theirs, is for this reason not controvertible in principle.

For this reason I vote against the adoption of the report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 474.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1025, amending section 3 of Act No. 1733, entitled "An Act to provide fire protection in the municipalities having no paid fire department," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed.

The purpose of this bill is to enable the municipal council when

the number of policemen is less than ten to appoint a number of volunteer firemen not to exceed ten. This authority is not contained in the law amended and it is advisable for the council to have it so that there may be a sufficient number of volunteer firemen in the municipalities where there is a small number of policemen.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted, and Assembly Bill No. 1025 was thereupon read the second time.

On motion by Commissioner Luzuriaga, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

[Committee Report No. 475.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 931, entitled "An Act providing for the reorganization of the Courts of First Instance," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed.

This bill makes radical changes in the organization of the Courts of First Instance and the Court of Land Registration. It abolishes this last-mentioned court and confers the jurisdiction exercised by it upon the Courts of First Instance. It creates thirty-two judicial districts instead of the eighteen now existing, making a district of each province, with the exception of a few districts which are composed of two provinces.

Your committee, while not objecting in principle to the judges of the Courts of First Instance exercising the jurisdiction now conferred upon the Court of Land Registration, and the suppression of this last-named tribunal, fears nevertheless that in practice serious objections would be found to this system. The Philippine Commission in creating the Court of Land Registration as a special tribunal

undoubtedly had such objections in mind, otherwise there would have been no reason for the creation of the Court of Land Registration.

A change of such importance should have more careful consideration than the short time at the disposal of your committee and the many other matters pressing for attention will permit. Aside from this fact, and even if there were no objections to the suppression of the Court of Land Registration and the conferring of its jurisdiction upon the Courts of First Instance, the following objections are found to the Assembly bill:

There are now a number of provinces, such as Iloilo, Cebu, Occidental Negros, and Pangasinan, in which the business of the Court of First Instance is so great that the time of the judge is completely occupied, and it would be by no means possible for one judge in these provinces to attend to the work of the Court of First Instance and to matters now coming under the jurisdiction of the Court of Land Registration. In the Assembly bill no remedy for this state of affairs is provided, since section 4 of the bill definitely provides that no judge of the Court of First Instance of one district may be designated to act anywhere else. This section 4 provides that in case of the absence, sickness, or incapacity of the judge of a district to hold court in his province, the justice of the peace of the capital of the province shall act in his stead. This substitution does not refer to cases where the judge not being absent, sick, or incapacitated to act, nevertheless needs the assistance of another judge to handle the work. This objection would be encountered also in provinces in which the judge could ordinarily attend to the work both of the Court of First Instance and of the Court of Land Registration in case of the passage of the Cadastral Law. Cases of this character occupy the attention of the judge for months, during which time the ordinary matters of the Court of First Instance would necessarily be abandoned.

On the other hand many districts are composed of provinces in which the cases in the Court of First Instance and in the Court of Land Registration scarcely take up the judge's time for half the year.

For example, the Province of Antique forms a district. Under the present law the judge of the Tenth District holds court in Antique during the months of March and October of each year, and these two months are sufficient to attend to all matters in that province. According to the statistics of the Court of Land Registration from 1903 to 1909, inclusive, only eight applications for registration of land were made in that province, or an average of one and one-seventh cases a year.

Oriental Negros also forms one district. In this province two terms of court are held each year. Each term lasts about a month. During the seven years since the organization of the Court of

Land Registration, there have been forty-nine land registration cases in that province, or at the rate of seven a year.

In Isabela the Court of First Instance also holds two terms a year, which together last not more than four months. The number of land registration cases in this province during the seven years was thirty-four, or at the rate of five cases a year.

The two provinces of Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur now form one district. Under the proposed law each of these provinces would form a district. In Ilocos Norte in seven years there have been only sixty-six land registration cases, and in Ilocos Sur forty-two, a total of one hundred and eight cases, or a little more than fifteen cases a year in the two provinces.

The Province of Capiz also forms a district. The terms of the Court of First Instance in this province, including Romblon, last not more than four months each year. There have been in this province twenty-nine land registration cases, or at the rate of four cases a year. The same might be said of still other provinces.

This bill provides that in case of the absence, sickness, or incapacity of the judge, the justice of the peace of the capital of the province shall act in his stead. Your committee believes that with the salary attached to the office of justice of the peace of provincial capitals, the services of lawyers of sufficient ability to act as judge of the Court of First Instance in the cases mentioned can not be had.

The law provides that the clerks of the Courts of First Instance shall exercise all the duties and powers of the clerk of the Court of Land Registration, except those which are by another Act conferred upon the "Land Registration Bureau." In Assembly Bill No. 994, which creates a "Land Registration Bureau," to which the above-mentioned provision undoubtedly refers, it is provided: "That the Director of the Land Registration Bureau shall perform all the duties and functions which by the Land Registration Act are invested in the Clerk of the Court of Land Registration, except those which are conferred upon the clerks of the Courts of First Instance." This demonstrates that it was found impossible to segregate the duties of the clerks of the Courts of First Instance from those of the Director of the Land Registration Bureau with respect to registration matters; which goes to show the difficulties encountered in the suppression of the Court of Land Registration.

At the first blush it appears that this bill would entail no great amount of additional expense, since the difference between the present salaries of the judges of the Courts of First Instance and of the Court of Land Registration and the salaries assigned to the judges in the proposed Act is only twenty-three thousand pesos, and that a large part of this amount would be set off by the saving in traveling expenses. But when it is considered that this bill allows the salaries of the present judges to stand, the real difference

is found to be forty-two thousand pesos; that is to say, the amount represented by the salaries of the six additional judges at seven thousand pesos per annum each. It must be borne in mind, moreover, that while abolishing the Court of Land Registration, and giving a greater amount of work to the judges of the Courts of First Instance, the personnel of the Courts of First Instance is not increased, except that the Attorney-General is authorized to assign to each district such number of the employees of the Court of Land Registration as he may deem necessary. Granting that with the additional six judges a greater number of cases would be disposed of, the personnel would not be sufficient, and undoubtedly many of the present employees of the Court of Land Registration would be needed for the Land Registration Bureau created by Assembly Bill No. 994.

Even supposing there were no objections to the abolishing of the Court of Land Registration and to the judges of the Courts of First Instance trying the cases now assigned to that court, and endeavoring to utilize the services of an equal number of judges as that provided for in the Assembly bill, a better distribution of the districts should be made, and provision should be made for at least six judges at large to act in place of judges who are absent, sick, or incapacitated, and to assist those judges in whose districts the work is so great that it can not be disposed of by only one judge.

All this requires a more minute study of the statistical data, and a more careful consideration than is permitted by the time now remaining of this session of the Legislature. And further, there is no reason whatever why the bill should be passed at this session of the Legislature, since the bill itself provides that it is not to take effect until the 1st of July, 1913. During the interval between this and the next session of the Legislature there will be time to carefully study the matter, and it can be taken up for consideration at the next session.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 476.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 994, entitled "An Act creating the Bureau of Land Registration, and for other purposes," has

examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed.

This bill is open to the serious objection that it seeks to create a bureau dependent on the Courts of First Instance and at the same time under the executive control of the Governor-General. It is open to the further objection which might arise by reason of the provision in said bill that all officers and employees now in the Bureau of Lands engaged in the survey of lands and the verifying of plans be transferred to the Land Registration Bureau, thus depriving the Bureau of Lands of the personnel necessary for the work of that bureau, which work according to the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, and Act No. 926 of the Philippine Commission, must be performed by the Bureau of Lands.

Moreover, this bill is intimately related to and is contingent upon the passage of Assembly Bill No. 931, the consideration of which your committee has recommended be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

The President expressed himself as in favor of the general object sought to be accomplished by these bills which are now being postponed, viz: The extension of the cadastral surveys, with a reservation, however, as to the form, of which he utterly disapproved.

[Committee Report No. 477.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, the Assembly amendment to Commission Bill No. 124, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the Commission disagree to the amendment of the Assembly and ask a conference with the Assembly thereon.

It is difficult for your committee to write a report on this important bill without first knowing the fate of Assembly Bill No. 931, entitled "An Act providing for the reorganization of the Courts of First Instance," and of Assembly Bill No. 994, entitled "An Act

creating the Bureau of Land Registration, and for other purposes," as these two bills are so intimately related to the bill under discussion that the three should really be covered by one report. The two bills above mentioned provide for the abolition of the Court of Land Registration and the creation of a new bureau to which is transferred the entire surveying, drafting, and computing force of the Bureau of Lands. In order to achieve this result it would be necessary to amend sections nine, seventeen, twenty-nine, thirty-four, thirty-six, forty-three, fifty-eight, sixty-five, and seventy of the Public Land Act.

The Legislature is powerless to do this of itself and can only pass such amendments as it may desire to make, submitting them to the President of the United States for his approval and to Congress for its action, approval by the President and approval by Congress, or failure of that body to act in one session, being necessary in order that the amendments may become law.

It would furthermore be necessary to ask Congress to amend the Organic Act passed by it on July 1, 1902. Assembly Bill No. 994 explicitly repeals all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with its provisions. Sections thirty-seven, forty, and forty-six of the Organic Act would be included in this list. The Legislature is, of course, powerless to repeal them by direct action, nor can it accomplish this indirectly by passing a law repealing them and awaiting congressional action thereon. Any such law would be void and without effect.

It will be seen therefore that if it is desired to pass this series of bills there is abundant time in which to consider the proposed Cadastral Bill, as essential provisions thereof could not be passed and other essential provisions could not become effective without prior congressional action.

The transfer of all survey work from the Bureau of Lands, which is at present performing it efficiently, to a new bureau not even under the executive control of the Secretary of the Department to which the Bureau of Lands belongs, would be an extraordinary thing from an administrative point of view and would clearly be out of line with the policy which Congress had in mind in passing the Organic Act. As it would furthermore involve heavy increased expense, it would seem that favorable action on the part of Congress could hardly be anticipated unless a strong reason could be shown for such an unusual arrangement. Your committee knows of no such reason.

Attention is invited to the fact that under the proposed Act the right of private surveyors to make surveys of land for registration is unlimited if they comply with the requirements of the Act, which makes no provision whatever as to their qualifications. Such a provision enacted into law would result in the making of these important surveys by persons absolutely ignorant of surveying, and

would, in the opinion of your committee, result in an amount of harm to land titles in the Philippines which would more than balance any good that might be accomplished under the proposed Act.

Not only is the proposed Act wrong in principle, as above set forth, but many of the remaining carefully considered provisions of the Cadastral Bill passed by the Commission have been so shot to pieces that the bill in its proposed form is unworkable, such an important matter as reimbursement for the work performed having been entirely overlooked or left out of consideration.

In view of the importance of this matter and of the short time remaining, your committee begs to submit the following comment on and list of changes made by the proposed bill:

Section 1: In the bill as passed by the Commission the initiative was entirely with the Governor-General. The Assembly bill changes this and places the initiative with the municipal councils or property owners representing two-thirds of the assessed value of the land within the municipality. The Commission bill provided that the Governor-General, of his own initiative, may order the Director of Lands to make necessary surveys, whereas the Assembly bill provides that the petition of the municipal council or the property owners, as the case might be, should be forwarded to the judge of the Court of First Instance of the province in which the municipality is located, and that the judge of the Court of First Instance should certify said petition to the Governor-General. There is no particular objection to that part of the Assembly bill providing for the petition of the municipal council or the property owners. There is no apparent reason why the petition should be directed to the judge of the Court of First Instance and by him transmitted to the Governor-General. No provision is made for recommendation or nonapproval of the judge of the Court of First Instance, and he is therefore nothing more than a forwarding agent.

That part of section 1 of the bill as passed by the Commission providing for notice to be issued by the Director of Lands for publication in the Official Gazette and posting in the municipality is omitted in the Assembly bill.

Section 2 of the Commission bill providing for notice to the property owners to be issued by the surveyor is also omitted.

Section 3 of the Commission bill referring to the lands surveyed prior to the taking effect of the Act is omitted.

Section 4 of the Commission bill empowering the surveyors to enter upon any lands within the limits of the cadastral surveys is omitted in the Assembly bill.

The second paragraph of section 1 of the Assembly bill provides that the Attorney-General shall file the application with the court. The Commission bill provides that the Attorney-General shall file the petition as the representative of the Director of Lands, thus

giving the Director of Lands the opportunity to intervene and protect the public lands.

The proviso in paragraph 2, section 1, of the Assembly bill provides in substance that the judge may dismiss the application with reference to any of the parcels of land described in said application without prejudice to the claimant filing an application for registration at a later date, providing the land has not in the meantime been decreed in the name of some other individual. This defeats one of the main objects of the Cadastral Bill, namely, the definite location of public lands. The adoption of this provision would not clear matters in the least as regards the administration and disposition of public lands in the Islands, as the proviso is specific on this point, stating that such dismissal shall not be reason to deprive said applicant of the possession of the land claimed by him.

Section 2: This section of the Assembly bill is new and is entirely unnecessary. It can not be understood why the Philippine Islands should be divided into two zones, and such a course with the attendant restriction as to distribution of surveyors, would needlessly hamper the surveying work.

As regards the twenty-five surveyors authorized by said section 2 of the Assembly bill, the Bureau of Lands has approximately one hundred and sixty surveyors, of whom forty are occupied on the Cebu and Iloilo cadastral projects. For the purpose of economy in executing cadastral surveys there should be not less than ten surveyors to each party. It will thus be seen that not more than two projects could be under way at the same time. It would consume approximately three hundred years to make a cadastral survey of the Philippine Islands with twenty-five surveyors. It is therefore to be inferred that it is planned to have private surveyors do most of the work.

Section 3: This section of the Assembly bill relates to the petition and plan to be filed and contains approximately the same matter as section five of the Commission bill, the exceptions being as follows:

First. In line 4, section 6, Assembly bill, beginning with the words "ó por agrimensores," it is provided that private surveyors may make cadastral surveys if the property owners or claimants so desire, Cadastral surveys should be executed by the Government under all circumstances.

Second. It is provided that the Land Registration Office may in its discretion accept plans made prior to the promulgation of this proposed law.

Third. The Assembly bill also provides for the placing of monuments on the lots.

Fourth. The Assembly bill omits that proviso of section 5 of the Commission bill relating to block and lot numbers within cities or

town sites. This is very necessary for more clearly describing subdivisions in cities and town sites.

The last sentence of section 3 of the Assembly bill is the same as section 6 of the Commission bill, with the exception that the titles "Director of the Office of Registration" and "Judge of the Court of First Instance" are used instead of "Director of Lands" and "Judge of the Court of Land Registration."

That part of section 6 of the Commission bill relating to subdivisions of additions to cities or town sites is omitted in the Assembly bill. Also the provision of the Commission bill stating that all subdivisions shall be made in accordance with sections 44 and 58 of Act No. 496 is omitted.

Section 4: This section of the Assembly bill is the same as section 7 of the Commission bill, except for the changing of titles "Director of Land Registration" and "Judge of the Court of First Instance" for "Director of Lands" and "Judge of the Court of Land Registration."

Section 5: This section of the Assembly bill is the same as section 8 of the Commission bill, with the exception that the proof of service of notices as required in section 32 of Act No. 496 has been added. This addition is of no particular importance, as the matter is already covered in existing law.

Section 6: Section 6 of the Assembly bill is the same as section 9 of the Commission bill with the addition of that part of section 17 of the Commission bill reading as follows: "Nor shall any fee be required for the filing of an answer under section nine of this Act."

Section 7: This section of the Assembly bill treats of the same matter as does section ten of the Commission bill. A remarkable change, however, is made in the procedure: (1) The president of the Municipal Board of Manila has been inserted after the word "provincial governor;" (2) the proviso in the original bill was to the effect that the court in its discretion might detail any of its employees, and in the case of the failure of the provincial governor to make suitable provision for the assistance of the defendants the presiding judge of the Court of Land Registration might, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, employ for such purpose the necessary personnel to be paid out of the provincial funds. The Assembly's proviso is to the effect that in case the provincial governor or the president of the Municipal Board should fail to appoint such employee the provincial governor, with the approval of the provincial board, or the president of the Municipal Board, with the approval of the Municipal Board, could employ temporarily a practicing lawyer of the locality or province, and that said lawyer would be entitled to a per diem of not to exceed thirty pesos for the actual time employed. There is hardly any necessity to present proofs of the inadvisability of the acceptance of the proviso in question as submitted by the Assembly. Either the

proviso of the Commission bill should be allowed to stand or the per diem of the Assembly bill reduced to not to exceed ₱10 per day. The work in connection with the assistance of the defendants in these cases is not such as to require the services of a high-priced attorney. It is hardly to be presumed that all the judges would work with the same alacrity as have the judges of the Court of Land Registration of the past. The judges of the Court of Land Registration have disposed of sixty or more cases per day.

Section 7: The second paragraph of section 7 of the Assembly bill is new matter and provides for the division of costs in the payment of attorneys provided for in the preceding paragraph of the proviso.

Section 8: This section of the Assembly bill is the same as section 11 of the Commission bill, with the exception of the change of titles based upon the supposed reorganization of the courts and land registration offices.

Section 12 of the Commission bill is omitted from the Assembly bill. This section is important and should not be omitted.

Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12: These sections of the Assembly bill correspond to sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the Commission bill.

Section 17 of the Commission bill, with the exception of that part permitting the filing of answers without payment of fee, is changed, and instead of the remission of fee for assurance fund as provided in the Commission bill, the Assembly bill in section 13 provides for the collection of this fee. This has its advantages but slightly increases the cost.

Section 13: This section of the Assembly bill is the same as section 18 of the Commission bill, with the addition of that part relating to the fees to be collected for the assurance fund.

Section 14: This section of the Assembly bill corresponds to section 19 of the Commission bill, with the exception of the following omissions:

First. That part of the Commission bill relative to the payment by the provincial board of the share of costs when municipalities are too poor to stand the expense.

Second. That part of the Commission bill exempting properties previously surveyed or registered.

Third. That part of the Commission bill providing for the reimbursement of expenditures made by the Bureau of Lands.

It is not understood why the first exception was made. As regards the second exception where property owners have incurred the expense of survey and registration it would be an injustice to again assess them for any part of the costs of the cadastral survey and registration. Unless an enormous appropriation is made, there is no way by which the purpose of this Act could be accomplished. There certainly must be money available to carry on this work, and unless the provision for reimbursement contained in the Commission bill is adopted or a larger appropriation made, the Act would be without effect.

Section 15: This section of the Assembly bill is the same as section 20 of the Commission bill, except that a proviso is added relative to other suits pending in the courts in connection with the land in question. This addition is not objectionable.

Sections 16 and 17: These sections of the Assembly bill correspond to sections 21 and 22 of the Commission bill.

Section 18: This section of the Assembly bill corresponds to section 23 of the Commission bill with the addition relative to the acceptance of the report of the commissioners and an appeal therefrom in case said report of commissioners is not accepted in full. This addition would appear to be unnecessary, as sufficient provision is made for the rendering of judgment on reports of commissioners in the Code of Civil Procedure.

Sections 19 and 20: These sections of the Assembly bill correspond to sections 24 and 25 of the Commission bill. The word "quince" in the last sentence of section 20 should be changed to read "catorce."

Section 21: This section of the Assembly bill corresponds to section 26 of the Commission bill, with the exception that the third proviso of the Commission bill relative to the nonmodification of the existing law relative to heirs or devisees is omitted.

Section 22: This section of the Assembly bill corresponds to section 27 of the Commission bill, with the exception that the word "juzgado" in the Assembly bill is to be interpreted as Court of First Instance, whereas the word "court" in the Commission bill is to be interpreted as meaning the Court of Land Registration.

Section 23: This section of the Assembly bill is new and refers to the repealing of Acts in conflict with the one under discussion.

Section 24: This section of the Assembly bill provides that this Act shall take effect on the 1st of January, 1913, whereas section 29 of the Commission bill provides that same shall take effect upon passage. Furthermore Assembly bill No. 931, without which this law is unworkable, does not take effect until six months later.

The above comment makes it evident that there are few, if any, advantages attained by the changes made in the proposed bill and that the remedying of its very numerous changes involves rewriting the bill in substantially the form the Cadastral Bill originally passed.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

Ordered, That Commissioners Worcester and Branagan be the managers at the same on the part of the Commission.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendment to Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum," disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Ocampo.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the conference committee on Commission Bill No. 131.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Luna (J. D.), Pecson, and Tupas.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference

asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Gilbert be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 924. An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 924 was read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioner Sumulong voting in the negative.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MANILA, *February 6, 1912.*

GENTLEMEN: By virtue of the authority vested in me by Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, I hereby submit for the consideration of the special session of the Philippine Legislature convened for the days from February 2 to February 6, 1912, inclusive, the following:

1. Matters relating to animal quarantine.
2. Matter relating to the relief of the bondsmen in the case of the United States *vs.* Yap Anton and Ong Kong Yam.
3. Matter of providing for loans to municipalities in lieu of proceeds from land tax.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

The message was ordered spread upon the Journal of the Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 40.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology,

and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission amend section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For the purpose of acquiring, organizing, and making an exhibit of the products, manufactures, arts, ethnology, education, and customs and habits of the country, the Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Commission, shall appoint a board to be known as Philippine Board of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, hereinafter designated the Board, and to consist of three members, one of whom shall be designated in his appointment as president. The president of the Board shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand pesos Philippine currency, and the other members an annual salary of eight thousand pesos Philippine currency, each. The Board shall have a secretary appointed by the Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Commission, who shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand pesos Philippine currency. On recommendation of the Board, and with the approval of the Governor-General, one of the members of said Board shall be designated as Director-General and shall receive additional compensation at the rate of two thousand pesos Philippine currency per annum. Any two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

"The Board shall have an office in the city of Manila, for which purpose the Governor-General shall assign to it one of the buildings available, and shall adopt rules for its meetings and the transaction of its business."

and that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Commission amend section 12 of its amendment by striking out the words "Until such time as the work in connection with the exposition shall necessitate the whole time of the officers or employees provided for in this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Until such time as the work in connection with the exposition shall necessitate the whole time of the directors, officers or employees provided for in this Act," and that as so amended the Assembly concur therein.

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission in all other respects and concur therein.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
V. CONCEPCIÓN,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two

Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 837, entitled "An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock postmeridian, the President declared a recess until 9 o'clock and 15 minutes postmeridian.

RECONVENED.

At 9 o'clock and 15 minutes postmeridian the Commission reconvened.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes

of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Singson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference asked by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Sumulong be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 182, entitled "An Act authorizing the granting of revocable licenses to construct and operate tramways on public roads and for other purposes."

The bill, with amendment certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Any municipal council, with the approval of the provincial board, is hereby authorized to grant a revocable license to construct and operate a tramway upon any public road or roads within the boundaries of the municipality: *Provided,* That such license shall contain substantially the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth."

Section 3, strike out the words "direction and."

Section 4, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council."

Section 5, strike out the words "district engineer" where they

occur, and insert in lieu thereof in each case the words "municipal council."

Section 6, strike out the words "Director of Public Works or his authorized subordinate" and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council;" and strike out the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial board."

Section 7, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" as often as they appear in said section, and insert in each case the words "municipal council," and strike out the words "his office" and insert in lieu thereof the words "in the office of the municipal secretary;" strike out the words "shall be returned by him with his approval" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "shall be returned by him with the municipal council's approval."

Section 8, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" and "Secretary of Commerce and Police" and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council."

Section 9, strike out the words "Director of Public Works" and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council;" and strike out the words "Board of Rate Regulation" and insert in lieu thereof the words "provincial board."

Section 10, strike out in its entirety and renumber all next succeeding sections accordingly.

Section 11, strike out the words: "Director of Public Works" where first used in said section and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council with the approval of the provincial board;" strike out the words "Director of Public Works" where used for the second time in said section and insert in lieu thereof the words "municipal council."

Section 12, strike out the proviso.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment of the Assembly,

On motion by the President,

The amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 182 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 478.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called 'cajas de comunidad,' and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Page 2, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "Insular Auditor of these Islands," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Insular Treasurer."

Page 2, line 2, strike out the words "Insular Government," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Government of the Philippine Islands."

Page 2, line 4, strike out the words "Insular Government," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Spanish Government in these Islands."

Page 2, line 7, strike out the words "Auditor," and insert in lieu thereof the word "Treasurer."

Page 2, lines 9, 10, and 11, strike out the last proviso of section 1.

Page 2, line 13, strike out the word "Auditor," and insert in lieu thereof the word "Treasurer."

In section 2 strike out all after the words "Insular Treasury," and insert in lieu thereof the words "as miscellaneous receipts."

Strike out all of section 4.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1026 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the standing committee be concurred in, with the following further amendment:

In section 3, strike out the words "Insular Auditor" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Insular Treasurer."

And that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Araneta moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act directing the Insular Treasurer to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called "Cajas de Comunidad," and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

[Committee Report No. 479.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 827, entitled "An Act granting to the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat and power system, and to install, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, viz:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Between the enacting clause and section 1, insert the following:

"SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted to divert and utilize certain waters of the Pagsipi River, in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas, for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat and power system, and to install, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas, and the Governor-General is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to offer for public bidding the franchise set forth in this Act, and to grant said franchise to the best bidder upon such terms as to the percentage of gross earnings paid in lieu of provincial and municipal taxes on the franchise or earnings thereof, which shall not in any case be less than one per centum, and under such terms and conditions as to time of advertisement and manner of bidding as he may deem proper.

"SEC. 2. The franchise referred to in section one hereof shall be substantially in the following terms and form:

"FRANCHISE."

In section 1, line 1, page 1, strike out the word "SECTION" and insert in lieu thereof the word "ARTICLE."

In section 1, lines 1, 2 and 3, strike out the words "The Lucban Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under the present laws."

In section 1, line 15, page 1, after the word "in" at the end of the line insert the words "along and over."

In section 1, page 2, strike out all of lines 1, 2 and 3, as follows: "any and all streets, squares, and public places in the municipality of Lucban, all buildings, poles, wires and other structures, plants, apparatus and appurtenances for the transmission and" and insert in lieu thereof the words "any and all streets, thoroughfares and public places in the municipality of Lucban, poles, wires and all apparatus and appurtenances for the transmission and."

In section 1, page 2, line 8, strike out the words "Consulting Engineer to the Commission," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Works."

In section 2, page 2, line 15, strike out the word "authorities" and insert in lieu thereof the word "council."

In section 7, pages 4 and 5, strike out all after the word "Tayabas" in line 26, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The per centum of gross earning of the enterprise agreed upon at the time of the award of this franchise, which shall be in lieu of all provincial and municipal taxes on the franchise and the privileges granted hereunder, except taxes on real estate: *Provided,* That such grantee shall be exempt from the payment of such percentage for a period of three years from the date of the acceptance of this franchise."

Strike out the proviso at the end of section 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "*Provided,* That the rates shall before going into effect be approved by the Board of Rate Regulation created by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, which said Board may require rates to be changed from time to time, as in its judgment is deemed in the interest of the public and the grantee hereunder."

In section 14, line 6, page 8, after the word "conditions," insert the following: "*Provided, however,* That no transfer of this franchise shall become effective under the provisions of this article until it has been previously approved in writing by the Secretary of Commerce and Police."

In section 16, line 20, strike out the words "Lukban Electric Light and Power Company" and insert in lieu thereof the word "grantee."

In section 17, lines 27 and 28, strike out the words "the Lukban Electric Light and Power Company."

Change section numbers 1 to 17, inclusive, to read article numbers 1 to 17, inclusive.

On page 9, line 1, strike out the words "SEC. 18" and insert in lieu thereof the words "SEC. 3."

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 827 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the amendment recommended by the Standing Committee be concurred in with the following further amendment:

Section 7, page 4, line 24, strike out the words "provincial treasury of Tayabas" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Insular Treasury;" and in lines 25 and 26, strike out the words "divided equally between the municipality of Lucban and the Province of Tayabas" and insert in lieu thereof the words "distributed in accordance with Act Numbered Two thousand and ninety-six."

Section 8, page 5, line 16, strike out the word "value" and insert in lieu thereof the word "amount;" and in lines 20 and 28, strike out the words "In case" and insert in lieu thereof in each instance the word "If."

And that, as so amended, the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Elliott, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Elliott moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act authorizing the granting of a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat and power system, and to

install, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas, and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1060, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary out of any funds in the Insular Treasury for the purpose of making loans without interest to all such municipalities the provincial boards of which, in accordance with the authority granted by law may have authorized an extension of one year for the payment without penalty of the land tax for the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1060 was read the first time and,
On motion by the President,
The bill was laid on the table.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 41.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission agree to reinsert section 2 with the following changes:

The Governor-General will, from time to time, inform the Philippine Legislature of the measures taken and disbursements made in accordance with section 1 of this Act, and will as soon as possible recommend to said Legislature measures of a permanent character

tending to secure a sufficient supply of food grains within reach of the people.

Change section 2 of the bill as amended by the Commission to section 3, and that as so amended both Houses agree to the same.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
C. LEDESMA,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1039, entitled "An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples."

Very respectfully,
RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 42.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Act," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That both Houses agree to the bill as it appears in the printed copy attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A" with the following amendment:

Amend section 2 to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The power to grant appropriations of public waters is hereby vested in the Secretary of Commerce and Police in accordance with the provisions of this law, upon the recommendation and approval of the irrigation council hereinafter created.

"There is hereby created an Irrigation Council which shall consist of five members as follows: The Secretary of Commerce and Police,

who shall be *ex officio* chairman thereof; the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the Philippine Assembly; the Director of Public Works; the chairman of the Committee on Public Works of the Philippine Assembly; and one agriculturist to be appointed by the Governor-General, who shall receive a per diem of fifteen pesos for each session of the council which he actually attends: *Provided*, That the officers already receiving a salary or per diem from the Government shall serve without additional remuneration: *And provided further*, That when the Philippine Assembly is not organized, or is without officers, the persons who held the offices of chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and chairman of the Committee on Public Works at the close of the preceding session shall continue in office as members of the Irrigation Council until their successors are appointed and qualified.

"The Director of Public Works shall have direction and supervision of the investigation for and construction of irrigation systems by the Government of the Philippine Islands and shall perform such duties as are prescribed herein.

"The Chief Irrigation Engineer shall, in addition to the duties and responsibilities stated in his appointment, be charged with those of the superintendent of irrigation as provided in Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-four."

Amend section 3 by placing the present clause lettered (*e*) before the present clause lettered (*d*), relettering the clauses accordingly.

Strike out in the third paragraph of section 9 the words "upon receipt of the recording fee, which fee shall be three pesos, and be paid by the appropriator."

Substitute for section 13 the following:

"SEC. 13. In the event of the appropriators not organizing in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding section, the system shall be temporarily administered under this Act as follows:

"(*a*) By the municipal council, when the system affects one municipality alone;

"(*b*) By the provincial board, when it affects two or more municipalities of a province;

"(*c*) By the Director of Public Works, when it affects two or more provinces.

"The regulations issued for the administration, use, and distribution of waters shall be previously approved by the Irrigation Council and in the preparation of these regulations all the persons interested shall be given a hearing.

"The cost of this service shall be a lien upon the crops, in the first place, and in the second place upon the land of the water users and ditch owners, in accordance with the distribution thereof, as shown by the accounts of the municipal council, the provincial board, or the Director of Public Works, which distribution shall be based upon the quantity of water consumed by each appropriator or ditch owner, in

proportion to the total quantity delivered to all: *Provided, however*, That the funds necessary to defray the administration expenses prior to the expiration of each agricultural year (the period intervening between the beginning of the planting and the completion of the harvesting of the crops), in accordance with the appropriation, shall be advanced by the municipality or the province out of their funds, or by the Director of Public Works, out of the irrigation fund, and shall be reimbursed at the end of each year with interest at the rate of four per centum: *And provided further*, That in the event of the municipalities or provincial board being without funds to cover these expenses the administration of such systems shall be given to the Director of Public Works for such time as the funds advanced to meet said expenses are paid from the Insular Treasury.

"The municipal and provincial treasurers shall, in the performance of their official duties, collect the charges for administration expenses for each year upon the completion of each harvest, acting in this respect as delegates of the Director of Public Works. Such lien shall have preference over all other liens except that for taxes on the land and any mortgage lien in favor of the Philippine Agricultural Bank, and such preferred lien shall not be removed until all charges are paid or the property is sold for payment thereof. Within one year after default of payment on an installment payable on any parcel of land, the municipal president, the provincial governor or the Director of Public Works shall file with the clerk of the Court of First Instance of the District in which the land is situated, a list of all lands upon which default has been made. The clerk of the court shall thereupon publish in the manner provided for the publication of the summons in a civil action, a list of the lands so filed by the Director of Public Works, accompanied by a notice requiring the owners to file an answer thereto within thirty days after the completion of the publication.

"Upon the filing of an answer by the person interested, the action in respect to such person shall proceed to judgment, as provided for other actions by the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon termination of such thirty days, judgment shall be entered against such persons as have not answered, and their lands, or the portion thereof deemed necessary, shall be sold, after ten days' public notice, at public auction by the sheriff to satisfy such preferred lien.

"Any excess over the amount of said lien and the cost of such procedure shall be returned to the interested person, who shall have one year thereafter to redeem his land by payment of the amount of the judgment, and costs with interest at six per centum: *Provided, however*, That in the event of the cost of maintenance being so exceptionally high in any year that it exceeds fifty per centum of the net profits, such exceptional cost shall be distributed in an equitable manner, over two or more years, but not more than five: *And provided further*, That in the cases in which a crop is unharvested

at the time of the execution of the lien, the execution shall be levied first on said crop.

"In the preparation of the regulations mentioned in this and the next preceding section, the customs and usages of each locality shall be taken into consideration, and in these regulations one day of the year shall be fixed for a meeting of all the persons interested for the purpose of preparing an estimate of expenditures for the next succeeding year."

Insert after the word "person," in the first line of section 14, the word "hereafter."

Add after the word "appropriation," at the end of the second paragraph of section 15, the words "and shall besides be published once a week by means of *bandillos* or public criers."

Substitute for section 16 the following:

"SEC. 16. If there is no unappropriated water in the source of supply, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, through the Director of Public Works, shall deny the application in writing, a record thereof being filed in his office, and shall return the application so denied to the applicant, who shall not prosecute any work under his application. If the applicant shall perform any work under his application he shall be guilty of and punished for a misdemeanor.

"If the source of supply be a navigable stream, the application must be referred by the Director of Public Works to the Director of Navigation, who shall return the application with his recommendation thereon.

"If there is unappropriated water in the source of supply named and the appropriation is not detrimental to the public, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, through the Director of Public Works, shall approve the application, indorse such approval upon the application, a record of such approval and indorsement being filed in the office of the Director of Public Works, and shall return the application so indorsed to the applicant, who shall, on receipt thereof, be authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to perfect such appropriation: *Provided, however,* That in case there is an insufficient supply for the total amount of water applied for, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, through the Director of Public Works, may approve an application for a less amount of water."

Strike out in the first paragraph of section 17 the words "which plans may be made by the Director of Public Works on the request and at the cost of the applicant," and add at the end of said section the following proviso: "*Provided, however,* That applicants for small appropriations to irrigate land, not in excess of sixteen hectares, shall not be required to submit plans and specifications other than those required in the application."

Strike out in section 18 the words "and subject to the same penalty" appearing in line 9 of page 16.

Add at the end of the first paragraph of section 22 the following

proviso: "*Provided, however,* That the development of less than thirty horsepower shall be exempt from the rental provided in this section."

Strike out the words "seventy-five centavos," in the proviso to the second paragraph of section 22, and insert in lieu thereof the words "one peso."

Strike out in section 25 (*e*) the words "sixty days" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ninety days."

Add at the end of section 25 the following: "and shall also be published once a week by *bandillos* or public criers."

Strike out in section 26, wherever they occur, the words "sixty days" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ninety days;" and also insert in the same section, after the word "recommendation," in line 10, the words "after hearing the persons interested," and insert after the word "land" in line 16 of the same section the words "or three-fourths of the owners of such land."

Add at the end of section 27 the following proviso: "*Provided,* That other things being equal, preference shall be given to the occupants of the land in the matter of awarding contracts for the construction."

Add at the end of section 28 the following: "Inferior land not included within the designated zone of irrigable lands of an irrigation system shall be entitled to be benefited by the additional supply of water of the said system, under the obligation to pay a proportional share of the administration charges, provided that the rights of the system are not injured thereby, and the necessary concessions may be made for this purpose."

Insert in section 29, following clause (*d*), the following: "(*e*) The date on which the official test of the system is to be made in the presence of the persons interested for their satisfaction."

Substitute for section 32 the following:

"SEC. 32. The irrigation works constructed by the Government under the provisions of the foregoing sections shall be administered by the Government in conformity with the provisions of this Act for the benefit of the land owners: *Provided,* That after final reimbursement of the expenses of construction of a system, when the property owners included within the same shall organize themselves as an irrigation community under the provisions of section twelve hereof, and even before such final reimbursement if they shall pay the unpaid difference of the expense of construction of such system, the Irrigation Council shall decide if the administration and operation of such system shall be transferred to such irrigation community, such decision remaining subject to the approval of the Legislature, but in case that a session of the Legislature shall pass without either of the two Houses having taken any action on the matter, the decision of the Irrigation Council shall be final."

Insert in section 33, after the words "Public Works," in line 11

of page 24, the words "in accordance with the regulations," and change in line 13 the words "sixty days" to "ninety days."

Insert in section 36, after the words "five years," in line 3 of page 25, the words "without sufficient reason the Secretary of Commerce and Police will declare such unused water reverted to the public and to be regarded as unappropriated water," striking out the remainder of said section.

Strike out at the end of section 37 the words "Secretary of Commerce and Police" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Irrigation Council."

Strike out the words "sixty days" in line 8 of section forty-two, and insert in lieu thereof the words "ninety days."

Strike out in the first paragraph of section 44, line 6, all that part of said paragraph beginning with the words "and it shall be the duty" to the end thereof.

Insert in line 6 of section 45, after the word "or" the word "maliciously," and add at the end of paragraph one of said section the words "chapter three, title thirteen."

Strike out in line 6 of paragraph 47, the words "or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Strike out in section 48 paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*); also change the lettering of paragraph (*c*) to paragraph (*a*), and strike out in said new paragraph (*a*) the words "twenty centavos" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ten centavos;" also change paragraph (*d*) to paragraph (*b*); also change paragraph (*e*) to paragraph (*c*); also change paragraph (*f*) to paragraph (*d*), and strike out in said new paragraph (*d*) all that follows the word "inspection" in line 19 of page 31.

Strike out section 49.

Strike out section 50.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
C. B. ELLIOTT,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Managers on the part of the Commission.

ESPIRIDION GUANCO,
HERMENEGILDO VILLANUEVA,
LEONCIO GRAJO,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Act."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 43.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called 'Health Fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the bill be accepted as amended by the Commission, but with the following changes:

That the first part of the second paragraph of section 1 be amended by striking out the words "There shall be for each division a president who shall be appointed by the Director of Health on the nomination of the provincial board and the municipal councils concerned," and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"There shall be for each division a president who shall be appointed by the Director of Health from among the persons proposed by the municipal councils concerned and recommended by the provincial board."

That the following words be added at the end of the first paragraph of section 5 of the bill, as amended by the Commission: "likewise undergraduates of medicine and persons now holding the office of sanitary inspector."

That the following words be added at the end of the first paragraph of section 6 of the bill: "and shall in such case not be entitled to the benefits of this Act."

That the following words be added at the end of section 12 of the bill as amended: "The procedure for the prosecution of the violations penalized by this section shall be that provided for by existing laws."

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
Managers on the part of the Commission.

JACOBO FAJARDO,
HERMOGENES REYES,
H. VILLANUEVA,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing the

consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter and creating in each province a special fund called 'Health Fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 798, entitled "An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter and creating in each province a special fund called 'health fund' for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 44.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission agree to amend its amendment to section two by adding at the end thereof the words "who shall transmit the same to the Philippine Legislature at its next session," and that as so amended both Houses agree to the same.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
C. LEDESMA,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to

Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 480.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1038, entitled "An Act to encourage and favor the planting and cultivation of rice and maize, by refunding the amount of the land tax on land planted in said grains, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Every owner of agricultural land uncultivated during the five years immediately preceding the passage of this Act, who shall satisfactorily demonstrate to the municipal council of the municipality in which the land is situated that such land has been planted to rice or corn and cultivated for one year prior to the calendar year nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall be entitled to reimbursement for the tax paid by him for such year on such land or any portion thereof so cultivated: *Provided,* That such owner has not been delinquent in the payment of such tax."

Strike out all of sections 3, 4, and 5, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to prepare and publish the necessary rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, which when approved by the Governor-General shall have the force and effect of law and shall govern the proceedings of the municipal council in the matter. The decision of the municipal council when approved by the Provincial Board shall be final.

"SEC. 4. The repayment of the land tax ordered by the municipal council in accordance with this Act shall be made from the municipal treasury, which shall be reimbursed from the funds of the Insular Treasury for one-half the amount so repaid to the landowner. For this purpose there is hereby appropriated from any funds of the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum sufficient to make such reimbursements to the municipal treasuries. The Insular Auditor is authorized to make the necessary rules for effecting such reimbursements.

"SEC. 5. Any person who under the rules and regulations prescribed

by the Executive Secretary, as provided in section three of this Act, shall make an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, notary public or other person authorized by the laws of the Philippine Islands or by said rules and regulations to administer oaths, that he will testify, declare, depose or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, and shall willfully and contrary to such oath state and subscribe to any material matter which he does not believe to be true shall be guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand pesos and imprisonment for not more than five years, and shall moreover thereafter be disqualified to hold any public office."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert,

Assembly Bill No. 1038 was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 999, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen."

Very respectfully,
RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 481.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 6, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1055, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resin, stone, earth,

and other forest products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Section 1, subsection (*b*), page 2, line 1, strike out the words "or for use on his agricultural haciendas."

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1055 was thereupon read the second time and, together with the report of the standing committee thereon, referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the report of the standing committeee be concurred in, and that as so amended the bill pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were accepted.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Worcester moved to amend the title to read as follows:

An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven by authorizing the Director of Forestry under certain circumstances to establish two communal forests for any municipality, township, or settlement.

The motion prevailed, and the title as amended was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the Assembly in the amendment of the Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, disagreed to the amendments of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1056, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon and has appointed as manager at the same on its part Delegate Sotto.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1056, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Gilbert be the manager at the same on the part of the Commission.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 482.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 1011, entitled "An Act making a reimbursable appropriation of one millon pesos to aid in the establishment of banks in the provinces and important municipalities of the Philippine Islands, under certain conditions and limitations, and for other purposes,"

has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Of the gold-standard fund as fixed in section one of Act Numbered Two thousand and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund,' an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pesos may, with the prior approval of the Governor-General, be invested by the Insular Treasurer, the provisions of section three of said Act Numbered Two thousand and eighty-three to the contrary notwithstanding, in loans for a period not exceeding ten years to a corporation or corporations organized according to the laws of the Philippine Islands for the purpose of establishing banks in the provinces, and which shall comply with the requirements hereinafter provided.

"SEC. 2. No loan shall exceed the subscribed and paid-up capital of the corporation to which the loan is made. The loans may be repaid at one time or in installments, and the interest thereon shall be at the rate of six per centum per annum.

"SEC. 3. The loans shall be guaranteed by any of the following securities:

"(*a*) Mortgages or deeds of trust to the Government on unencumbered real estate in cities or centers of population of municipalities or on agricultural lands in the Philippine Islands to an amount not exceeding sixty per centum of the actual cash market value of the real estate which is security for the loans or the assessed value thereof, whichever may be the smaller. No loan secured by real estate mortgage shall be made unless the title to such real estate, free and clear of all incumbrances, shall be in the mortgagor, and unless the mortgage shall be a first lien on the property mortgaged, and unless mortgaged property which is liable to destruction by fire shall be insured against fire for the benefit of the Government.

"(*b*) Bonds of the United States, bonds of the Government of the Philippine Islands, bonds of the city of Manila or other municipalities, or any other bonds or securities the principal or interest of which is guaranteed by the Government of the United States or the Philippine Islands: *Provided, however,* That no loans on such securities shall exceed eighty per centum of the market value of such securities.

"(*c*) On other bonds or stocks which in the judgment of the

Governor-General provide sufficient security for the loans: *Provided, however,* That such securities shall be accepted only at a rate not exceeding three-fourths of their market or face value.

"SEC. 4. No loans shall be made unless the bank shall have first submitted to and obtained the approval of the Governor-General to articles of incorporation which shall contain provisions covering the following points:

"(*a*) The name, domicile, duration, and operation of the bank.

"(*b*) The number of members of the board of directors, which shall not be less than three nor more than nine, their qualifications, method of election, remuneration, powers, duties, and liabilities.

"(*c*) The duties, liabilities, salaries, and bonded security required of the manager and the cashier of the bank.

"(*d*) The supervision which the Government shall have over the bank, and the officials who shall exercise such supervision.

"(*e*) The manner of forming the fund for the repayment of the loan to the Government. No dividends exceeding six per centum shall be paid to the stockholders while the loan to the Government remains unpaid.

"(*f*) Rules for the valuation of real property offered as security to the bank.

"(*g*) The conditions requiring the liquidation of the bank and the method thereof.

"SEC. 5. The interest on loans made by the bank shall not exceed twelve per centum per annum."

This bill appropriates the sum of ₱1,000,000, of which amount ₱250,000 is to be available on July 1, 1912, and a like amount on the same date of the three following years, for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of provincial banking corporations. This assistance is to be rendered by the Government furnishing an amount of capital equal to that subscribed and paid in by any banking corporation established in any province organized under Act No. 83, entitled "The Provincial Government Act," when such corporation is organized under the articles of incorporation inserted in said Bill No. 1011. Said articles of incorporation are in substance the same as the articles of incorporation of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 655, with the exception of the articles relating to the issue of circulating notes.

The powers conferred upon the banks are those conferred upon the Bank of the Philippine Islands under its present articles of incorporation, and in addition they are given the powers of trust corporations and are authorized to do a surety business, under the terms and conditions as requested by the Bank of the Philippine Islands, and are permitted to make loans guaranteed by growing

crops and forest products. It is to be noted, however, that notwithstanding the fact that provincial banking corporations are authorized to open current accounts, the articles of incorporation omit that article of the articles of incorporation of the Bank of the Philippine Islands which requires said bank to maintain a legal reserve of twenty per centum of its deposits in current accounts payable on demand.

The bill provides no guaranty for the capital furnished by the Government. The Government's money is subject to profit and loss in like manner as the remainder of the bank's capital. It is provided that not later than ten years from the date of the bank's organization the general stockholders shall, with the approval of the Governor-General, provide means for repaying to the Government the amount of money it has furnished, unless the Legislature shall extend the time or otherwise provide. Such repayment may be made at one time or in installments extending over a period of not more than ten years from the date of the resolution of the stockholders' meeting.

In connection with this, Article XXI of the articles of incorporation provides that after having established a reserve fund, which shall not be less than twenty per centum of the bank's capital, a part of the profits may be used for the creation of a fund with which to repay the money furnished by the Government. It appears to be entirely unjust that the Government should be repaid with a part of the profits of a corporation in which the Government has a share.

Aside from its rights as a stockholder, the Government has no further intervention whatever in the bank. On the other hand, it has provided that the Asociación Económica de Filipinas is authorized to organize banking corporations in provinces organized under Act No. 83, and the board of directors of said association are to have control and supervision over the banking corporations so organized—a provision which appears to your committee to be wholly unjustified, as it would give the control of the bank over to a private corporation entirely foreign to the bank, and which has had nothing more to do than to assist the latter in its organization.

The financial condition of the Insular Treasury does not, in the judgment of your committee, warrant the making of the appropriation provided in the Assembly bill. But even if such appropriation were warranted by the condition of the Treasury, your committee does not believe it safe to invest Government funds in the manner provided in this bill. The bill as above amended seeks in some respects to accomplish the purposes sought by the Assembly bill, that is, to aid in the establishment of banks in the provinces, but instead of making appropriation, provides that out of the gold-standard fund an amount not exceeding ₱250,000 be loaned to corporations established for that purpose, under restrictions which

in the judgment of your committee will make safe the investment of such funds by the Government.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was accepted.

Assembly Bill No. 1011, was read the second time.

Commissioner Branagan moved that the Bill be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed, Commissioner Araneta voting in the negative.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 45.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission.

That the following section be added:

"SEC. 2. Section twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, is hereby amended to read as follows:

" 'SEC. 27. *Election contests.*—The Assembly shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its members. The time for the filing of the contests, the notification thereof, and the expenses, costs, and bonds shall be fixed by resolution of the Assembly, which shall be effective until repealed. Contests in all elections for the determination of which provision has not been made otherwise shall be heard by the Court of First Instance having jurisdiction in the judicial district in which the election was held, upon motion by any candidate voted for at such election. The contest shall be filed with the court within two weeks after the election and shall be decided by the same as soon as possible after the hearing of the contest. Such court shall have exclusive and final jurisdiction, except as hereinafter provided, and shall forthwith cause the registry lists and all ballots used at such election to be brought before it and examined, and to appoint the necessary officers therefor and

to fix their compensation, which shall be payable in the first instance out of the provincial treasury, and to issue its mandamus directed to the board of canvassers to correct its canvass in accordance with the facts as found. If in any case the court shall determine that no person was lawfully elected it shall forthwith so certify to the Governor-General, who shall order a special election to fill the office or offices in question as hereinbefore provided: *Provided, however,* That an appeal may be taken to the Supreme Court, within ten days, from any final decision rendered by the Court of First Instance on contests of elections for provincial governors, for the review, amendment, repeal, or confirmation of such decision, and the procedure thereon shall be the same as in a criminal cause.

" 'Before the court shall entertain any such motion or admit an appeal, the party making the motion or filing the appeal shall give bond in an amount fixed by the court, with two sureties satisfactory to it, conditioned that he will pay all expenses and costs incident to such motion or appeal, or shall deposit cash in court in lieu of such bond. If the party paying such expenses and costs shall be successful, they shall be taxed by the court and entered and be collectible as a judgment against the defeated party.

" 'All proceedings under this section shall be upon motion with notice of not to exceed twenty days to all candidates voted for and not upon pleadings or by action, and shall be heard and determined by the court in the judicial district in which the election was held regardless of whether said court be at the time holding a regular or stated term. In such proceedings the registry list as finally corrected by the board of inspectors shall be conclusive as to who was entitled to vote at such election.

" 'The clerk of the court in which any such contest is instituted shall give immediate notice of its institution and also of the determination thereof to the Executive Secretary.' "

That the bill so amended be accepted by both Houses.

That the title be amended to read as follows:

"An Act fixing the date for the general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly and for provincial and municipal officials, and amending section twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, by granting appeal from the decisions of Courts of First Instance in contests against elections of provincial governors."

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Manager on the part of the Commission.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five,

twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1000, entitled "An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

[Conference Report No. 46.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Assembly to Commission Bill No. 131, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published and take effect, increasing the powers of the Municipal Board in certain respects, providing for special assessments for public improvements, amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property, and reducing the rate of the annual tax on real estate from two per centum to one and one-half per centum," having met, after full and free conference have been unable to agree.

RAFAEL PALMA,
Manager on the part of the Commission.

PABLO OCAMPO,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 483.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 647, entitled "An Act declaring the use of the names or surnames or of the names and surnames of José Rizal or of Apolinario Mabini illegal, and prohibiting and punishing such use, except under certain conditions," has examined

the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The end sought by this bill is unquestionably a laudable one: To prevent the profanation of the names of Rizal and Mabini—whose memory is held in such high esteem and respect by the Filipino people—by prohibiting their use in connection with unworthy objects. The bill prohibits the use of these names except for associations, establishments, enterprises, publications, buildings, or purposes of a scholastic, instructive, or educational character.

Your committee believes that these names may be applied to things other than those mentioned in this bill, not only without lack of respect to these revered names, but to their honor and greater renown. For example, a ship, a theater, a hotel, and many other things that could be mentioned might be named "Rizal" or "Mabini."

Another objection to the bill is that it would prejudice those persons who without any disrespect to these names have applied them to other things than those specified in the bill. It is difficult in a law to say what things are and what are not worthy to have these names applied to them. Your committee believes that to make it a crime to use the names of Rizal or Mabini in other ways than those specified in this bill would be too severe and in many instances would cause a real injustice to be done.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
RAFAEL PALMA,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 484.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 987, entitled "An Act authorizing municipalities to designate the dates for the fiestas of consolidated pueblos, under certain conditions," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Two things are contemplated by this bill, to wit: First, to authorize newly organized municipalities to change the date of their local fiestas; and second, to authorize municipalities which have already fixed the date of their local fiestas, but which have not yet received

the approval of the provincial board to such change, to again change the dates of their municipal fiestas.

As regards the first proposition, no legislative action is necessary, as under subsection (*j*) of section 40 of the Municipal Code, as amended by Act No. 1909, municipalities established by executive order of the Governor-General or by special Act of the Legislature, may, within three months following their organization, select a new date for the municipal fiesta. As regards the second point, your committee believes that the Legislature should not anticipate the action which provincial boards may take on resolutions of municipal councils fixing the dates of their respective fiestas, for the reason, among others, that if such resolutions are approved by provincial boards, the legislation which may be enacted would be entirely superfluous.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 485.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 868, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered eighty-two, entitled 'The Municipal Code' as amended, authorizing councilors to appoint as barrio lieutenants and substitutes therefor persons who are not qualified electors in case other persons duly qualified as such can not be found to accept the appointment and granting such appointees certain compensation," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill contemplates the amendment of subsection (*b*) of section 37, as amended by Act No. 303, so that municipalities shall bear the cost of the personal cedula of lieutenants and assistant lieutenants of barrios, and also in order that persons who are not qualified electors may be appointed to such offices in case qualified electors can not be found to accept such appointments.

Your committee sees no reason why lieutenants and assistant lieutenants of barrios should be exempt from the payment of the personal cedula tax, and such a proposition should be rejected if for no other reason than that if such thing were done other municipal officers, such as councilors, for example, might claim the same exemption in their favor.

Nor is there any reason for authorizing the appointment as lieutenants and assistant lieutenants of barrios of persons who are not qualified electors, as a knowledge equal at least to that usually possessed by persons who are able to vote is required satisfactorily to perform the duties of such offices.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 1042. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Three hundred and forty-five, entitled "An Act designating the days which shall be observed as public holidays in the Philippine Islands," as amended, so as to declare the first Tuesday of June nineteen hundred and twelve and of each fourth year thereafter an official holiday.

Assembly Bill No. 1042, was read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that it pass.

The report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of

conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 611, entitled "The Irrigation Law."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 922, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 824, entitled "An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 924, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendment to Commission Bill No. 164, entitled "An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as manager at the same on its part, Delegate Concepción.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 486.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 985, entitled "An Act providing that a coast guard cutter of the Insular Government shall make fortnightly trips from the ports of Cebu, Iloilo, and Bohol to any of the points in the Provinces of Agusan, Surigao, and the Moro Province, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 487.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 612, entitled "An Act providing for the organization of agricultural colonies at uninhabited points in the Philippine Islands under the direction of the Bureau of Labor and appropriating funds for that purpose," has examined the same

and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Your committee favors the passage of this or a similar bill as soon as the finances of the Government will justify the expenditure of the money—a condition which does not exist at present.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 488.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 209, entitled "An Act amending section seven of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippine Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Your committee is informed by cattle importers and dealers that it is impossible for cattle which have been properly branded ever to lose their marks. Such a provision as this in the law would only tend to sharp practice and serve to harass municipal officers in the performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 489.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of two, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 783, entitled "An Act repealing the power of the Governor-General to disqualify any public officer subject to an official investigation," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Your committee believes that the power of the Governor-General to disqualify public officers found guilty in administrative proceedings of charges giving rise to the removal from office of such officers is in principle in many cases a necessary protection of the public service and a means of ridding the service of persons who have made themselves unworthy to hold public office.

It is very probable, however, that the exercise of this power by the Governor-General could be made subject to some suitable restrictions. It should, perhaps, not be exercised in the same manner in the cases of elective officers as in those of appointive officers, and it would, perhaps, be advisable to consider a method of not having a public officer who has been removed from the service for acts of a criminal character, after being disqualified administratively, suffer the same punishment of disqualification again by sentence of the courts of justice after criminal proceedings. These are questions the study whereof requires time, and they should certainly not be decided in haste, without the proper consideration, on the eve of the adjournment of the session of the Legislature.

Your committee does not deem it advisable to recommend the complete abolition of the power of the Governor-General to impose the penalty of disqualification, as proposed in the attached bill, and much less the acceptance of the provision contained therein making it retroactive with regard to the cases of officers at present disqualified.

Respectfully submitted.

JUAN SUMULONG,
DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 490.]

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was

referred on January 30, 1912, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 38, entitled "Joint Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive of these Islands to petition the Federal Government of the United States to coöperate and negotiate with the Government of Spain for the payment and refund of the sum of three hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight pesos and twenty-five and one-eighth centavos of the earthquake funds of eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and recommending that he do so, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this resolution be laid on the table.

In view of the fact that this resolution deals with the disposition of trust funds collected and spent by the Spanish Government, it is the opinion of the undersigned that it would be inadvisable to seek to induce the Government of Spain to pay the amount in question.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 491.]

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 704, entitled "An Act to extend to municipal treasurers of the provinces organized in accordance with Act Numbered Eighty-two the privileges of the civil service," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The expense of granting leave to municipal treasurers would come to a very large sum, probably in excess of ₱50,000, an expenditure which it is not considered wise to incur at this time. However, the most important reasons against the passage of this bill are the following: The peculiar difficulty of applying the provisions of the Leave Act to municipal treasurers owing to the fact that it would be necessary to provide substitutes while the regular treasurers were on leave; the necessity of transferring the liability in bond from the municipal treasurer to the substitute and vice versa; the difficulty as to responsibility for shortages; the inaccessibility of many of the small municipalities, rendering the relief of municipal treasurers expensive and difficult; the fact that the requirement of certain fixed hours of labor daily would be unnecessary and impossible of

enforcement. In addition to these reasons, it is not clear why the leave privilege should be extended to municipal treasurers and denied to other municipal officials.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 492.]

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 996, entitled "An Act to amend paragraph (*a*), section 25, of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An Act for the regulation of the Philippine Civil Service,' " has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

Teachers are required to teach forty weeks a year, and they receive twelve weeks or eighty-four days of vacation on full pay during each year. During the forty weeks of teaching they do not teach on Saturdays, and they also enjoy many religious school holidays in addition to the legal holidays provided by law for officers and employees. The eighty-four days' vacation allowed teachers each year is far in excess of the amount of leave enjoyed by any other class of employees. Clerks receiving compensation of less than ₱3,600 per annum may enjoy a total leave of absence on full pay during the year (including accrued and vacation leave) of from forty-one to fifty-eight days. If clerks are absent from duty on account of illness the absences are charged against the forty-one or fifty-eight days' leave allowable. If teachers are absent on account of illness, under present law (section 25-a of Act No. 1698) the absence is "charged against their vacations, and with the consent of the Secretary of Public Instruction they may remain on duty during vacations for a period equal to that lost on account of illness, in which case no deduction of pay shall be made on account of absence caused by illness." Thus even if absent on account of illness they may be allowed to remain on duty during vacations for a period equal to the absence from duty due to illness and they still receive a full year's salary for only forty weeks of work. The proposed amendment provides that, in addition to the twelve weeks of vacation now allowed, seven days' sick leave may be taken, thus providing for each thirty-nine weeks of teaching thirteen weeks

or ninety-one days of leave on full pay, more than double the total leave allowed to clerks of the lower grades. It is believed that the present leave allowances of teachers are extremely liberal and that no further allowances should be provided.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 493.]

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1047, entitled "An Act providing the conditions for appointment to the various departments and offices of the Government of the Philippine Islands," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The requirement that a Filipino be appointed unless otherwise specifically authorized by law would prevent a free choice of the most valuable material and be detrimental to the service.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 494.]

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 961, entitled "An Act amending section twenty-two of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by section one of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-one, so that the office hours in all bureaus and offices in the Philippine Civil Service and in the City of Manila shall be seven hours, and that the same may be reduced to five from the first of April, and not before, to the fifteenth of June, and not later, of each year, and providing means for the strict observance of the same," has examined the same and has the honor

to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table, as it is deemed unnecessary and inadvisable. The proposed amendment to the Civil Service Act fixes the minimum hours of labor on work days other than the heated season and Saturdays at seven hours. The present Civil Service Act requires the fixing of office hours by Executive Order, but provides that these shall not be less than 6½ hours of labor a day. The Executive Orders issued under this Act fix the minimum hours of labor at seven; no change in the existing office hours is therefore made by the bill.

Section 2 provides that chiefs of Departments and Offices shall themselves render and require all of their officers and employees to render not less than the hours of labor required. The present law and executive orders fixing minimum hours of labor apply to chiefs of Bureaus and Offices as well as to their subordinates, and the law provides that "it shall be the duty of chiefs of Bureaus or Offices to require of all employees of whatever grade or class not less than the number of hours of labor authorized by law." It would seem inadvisable to prescribe by law the office hours of heads of Departments. They are appointed by the President and may be removed or reduced in grade only by him, and it would be useless to attempt to apply to them the penalties proposed in this bill.

The provision that chiefs of Departments and Bureaus shall require of all of their officers and employees that, under no consideration may they devote themselves to private matters is not clear. Probably it was intended to prohibit engaging in personal matters during office hours only, but the provision is general and is not limited to office hours. At present judges and other officers lecture in the Government School of Law and other law schools, receiving compensation therefor, Bureau chiefs and others lease friar and other public lands, and many clerks and teachers teach in public and private night schools. It is difficult to determine how much, if any, of this would be prohibited by the bill.

The bill provides that for the purpose of enforcing strict observance of office hours, chiefs of Bureaus and Offices shall designate one of their employees to inspect the hours of entering and leaving the office of officers and employees and compare them with the records now in vogue in official centers for the registry of hours of entering and leaving (time clocks), that the employee so selected shall take a special oath, and that the time lost by arriving after the beginning of office hours or leaving before the termination of office hours shall be charged against leave or pay shall be deducted therefor. The present law and civil service rules provide that chiefs of Bureaus and Offices shall require a daily record of attendance of all officers

and employees under them entitled to leave of absence or vacation to be kept on the proper form, that a systematic record shall be kept showing for each day all absences from duty from any cause whatever, and that all undertime shall be reported to the Bureau of Civil Service. In addition to charging undertime against leave or deducting pay therefor, the present law (sec. 16 of Act 1698) allows the imposition of fines on employees for violation of office regulations, and employees are frequently fined for tardiness sums far in excess of the value of the time lost.

All employees take an official oath that they will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Government, and that they will well and faithfully discharge the duties of their offices. This oath fully covers the faithful performance of the duties assigned by chiefs of Bureaus and Offices to the time clerks of the different Bureaus, and there seems to be no necessity for a special oath.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 495.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 947, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for distribution to certain provinces and disbursement for the construction or repair of roads and bridges," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

There are several reasons for this action. The first and controlling one at the present time is that there will be no funds available for the purposes designated. Even if the Government were in a financial condition to expend this money, the present bill is objectionable because it is contrary to the entire system and theory upon which such effective and efficient work has during the past few years been done toward the construction and maintenance of a complete system of good roads for the Islands. The provision that the distribution shall be according to the population is the same

principle upon which the larger proportion of the regular appropriation has been allotted, and while not exactly equitable, is approximately so, and in connection with the practice of making special allotments to meet particular conditions, has proven entirely satisfactory. The provision in this bill that the distribution shall be made by the Secretary of Commerce and Police, subject to the approval of a legislative committee, would introduce a practice which is contrary to good administrative principles, and can not be considered.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 496.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 751, entitled "An Act amending General Orders, Numbered Fifty-eight, providing for the attendance of assessors in the trial of criminal causes in the Courts of First Instance outside of the city of Manila," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill is somewhat similar to Assembly Bill No. 530, entitled "An Act providing for the creation, appointment, and attendance of assessors in criminal matters in the Courts of First Instance and of justices of the peace of the provinces and municipalities of the Philippine Islands, not included in the provisions of Act Numbered Two hundred and sixty-seven and its amendments," of the First Legislature, which was laid on the table on recommendation of your committee on May 20, 1909 (p. 616, Journal of the First Legislature, second session), and while it is an improvement on that bill in that the duty of preparing the list of persons who may act as assessors is placed upon the judge instead of the provincial board, and applies only to Courts of First Instance, yet it is still open to the serious objection that under it such assessors shall be entitled to collect ₱5 per day for the actual time by them employed in the trial and in advising the judge as to the decision thereof, to be paid out of the provincial funds, but to be taxed as costs against the defendant in the event he is convicted. The amount of this additional expense has not been estimated, but undoubtedly if this privilege were exercised as often as might be expected the total would be much

larger than the present resources of the provincial governments would justify, taking into consideration the fact that most of the defendants are persons with no property out of which to pay this expense.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 497.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1027, entitled "An Act declaring exempt from the civil-service examination all licentiates and doctors of medicine duly qualified by the Board of Medical Examiners for the Philippine Islands for the performance of the duties of health officer, Sanitary Inspector, and surgeon in the Philippine Constabulary," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Your committee is not of the opinion that an examination by the Bureau of Medical Examiners of the Philippine Islands should be made a substitute for a civil-service examination in determining the fitness of candidates to enter the Government service. The Government should employ an exceptionally high grade of physicians in its work and the mere fact that a man is authorized to practice medicine is not sufficient reason for his employment by the Government.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 498.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 658, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a bathing establishment at Manliluag, Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan, creating a permanent position for a resident

physician therefor, and for other purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The Philippine Islands are rich in mineral springs of undoubted therapeutic value. The development of the more important of these springs and the establishment of baths in connection with them for the benefit of the public is a legitimate and desirable end, for the attainment of which the expenditure of Government funds would be both proper and desirable. In the opinion of your committee this work should proceed as the resources of the Government make it reasonably possible, but it is further the opinion of your committee that in view of the present condition of the Treasury the Legislature ought not to go further in this direction during the present year than it has already gone.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 499.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1043, entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos to be expended in testing the special formula of Doctor Eliodoro Mercado for the cure of leprosy, and appointing a technical committee to report on cases of said disease reported as cured up to the present time," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This is a remarkable measure. Section 2 provides that all lepers now at the San Lazaro Hospital and at Culion, and those who may hereafter be isolated at both places shall invariably have a certain definite treatment administered to them. So far as the undersigned is aware this is the first attempt ever made to provide legislatively that one kind of treatment and no other shall be given to persons suffering from some certain disease. The Director of Health and the Secretary of the Interior have always held and still hold that they are without authority to compel lepers to submit to any kind of treatment whatsoever if they object thereto. Your committee does not believe that the Legislature has authority to pass a law providing

that some 2,500 people at present, and others in the future, should be given a certain medical treatment whether or not they desire to submit to it.

Section 3 provides that the preparation of "Mercado's Formula" shall be exclusively under the supervision of Dr. Eliodoro Mercado. Chaulmoogra oil has been used quite successfully in other countries for some time in the treatment of leprosy. Several years since this oil was brought into the Philippines by the Director of Health and the treatment of lepers with it on a considerable scale was begun. There is no doubt that the use of this oil, together with hot carbonate of soda baths, produces remarkable improvement and probably occasional cures in the cases of lepers whose stomachs will tolerate it. Unfortunately it is very nauseating to most persons, and Filipinos who have taken it until all external symptoms have disappeared usually decline to continue to take it longer, believing themselves cured. The result of discontinuing the treatment is a relapse. Various combinations of the oil with other medicines have been tried and in order to avoid the nauseating effect which it commonly produces when taken by the mouth it has been injected either alone or together with other drugs. The formula referred to in this Act as Mercado's Formula calls for a mixture of chaulmoogra oil with two other drugs, the oil being the essential thing. It is intended to be administered hypodermically. (See Note below.)

The appropriation of ₱30,000, to be expended in the use of this remedy, is entirely unnecessary. Doctor Mercado has always been and will always be furnished such quantities of chaulmoogra oil and other drugs of possible utility as he may reasonably require in his treatment of leprosy. Article 5 provides for a technical committee made up of a representative of the Bureau of Health, a representative of the University of Santo Tomas, and a representative of the Medical Pharmaceutical College, to inform the Philippine Legislature whether nine persons isolated in the hospital at San Lazaro, said (by what person or persons is not stated) to be cured, as well as those who may hereafter seem to be cured by the formula in question, are actually cured. There is not the slightest need of a commission to determine whether certain persons are or are not cured of leprosy. This disease is caused by a specific organism and so long as that organism is demonstrably present in the body of any person we know that the disease is *not* cured. When that organism disappears from those portions of the body of any person which are accessible from the exterior we do *not* know whether that person still has leprosy or not and nothing but observation during a considerable period of time can settle the question. If the disease is still present it will ultimately manifest itself. If the disease is not present the patient will continue sound. As a matter of fact Doctor Mercado is himself skilled in the diagnosis of leprosy.

He is furthermore a trusted employee of the Bureau of Health who has won the respect and regard of his associates on account of the courageous and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties in connection with the care of lepers. His own determination as to whether a given individual was or was not cured of leprosy would be final if he found that he was not, while he, like any other physician, would have to defer his judgment in the case of an apparently-cured patient until time had demonstrated whether or not the cure was more than apparent.

NOTE.—The chaulmoogra oil is the principal thing depended upon, the purpose of one of the other drugs, namely, the oil of camphor, is to expedite its absorption, while the other drug is of doubtful utility. There is nothing exceptionally good about the results obtained and it is still doubtful whether the hypodermic administration of this particular combination of the drug, which has been so long and so successfully used, with two other drugs, which also have been long in use, is as satisfactory in its result as the administration of the oil alone by the mouth. There is certainly absolutely nothing up to the present time to justify the exclusive use of this particular formula as against the plain oil, much less is there anything to justify the entire discontinuance of the use of the X-ray for instance as they produce very satisfactory results in certain cases.

Respectfully submitted.

DEAN C. WORCESTER,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 500.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 905, entitled "An Act prescribing the procedure in all cases of the detention or arrest of male offenders under twenty-one years and of female offenders under twenty-five years of age, as well as the form of trial and criminal proceedings against them; containing also provisions relative to the correction of minors rebellious to paternal authority and the detention or arrest of older persons," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the treatment of juvenile offenders in a manner different from that accorded to hardened

criminals, and in the opinion of your committee the purpose is a good one. The bill was evidently written by a man who is much interested in the subject, and who is actuated by high motives and purposes, but it contains so many provisions which, in the judgment of your committee, should not be enacted into law that to attempt to amend it so as to make it desirable legislation would require a rewriting of the bill and such study as it is not possible to give the subject in the few hours remaining in this session since the bill was first presented to the Commission. In the opinion of your committee the ages fixed—21 in the case of males, and 25 in the case of females—are far greater than is desirable in legislation of this character. Generally speaking, under its provisions, an offender within the prescribed limit of age can not be arrested in the same way, nor by the same uniformed officer, nor conveyed in the same vehicles as other arrested persons, nor pending trial can he be detained in jail or subjected to surveillance resembling a jail or prison. When he comes to his trial he can not be tried in the same court room, or if so not at the same hour, nor can ordinary terms be used in addressing him nor in speaking within his hearing of the offense of which he is accused. If a discussion arises in which it is necessary to use the proper legal terminology in referring to the cause of his detention, it will be necessary either for the prisoner to be removed or the court officers and others to speak in whispers.

One of the purposes of the bill, of course, is to prevent an immature offender from gaining an exaggerated idea of the importance of his rôle as a culprit and from being thereby attracted into the life of a hardened criminal, but it may be doubted if the means adopted would really tend to this desirable end. It might be found that the novel and extraordinary method hereby provided would excite the imagination of the youth quite as much as the form of procedure usually adopted. There is also an appreciable danger that this excessive minimization of the gravity of the violations of the law would itself tend to inculcate unsound ideas in immature minds. These various provisions which run throughout the entire bill would certainly cause so much inconvenience in attempting to apply them, and their value from a penological aspect is so doubtful, that it seems wise to defer the bill until a full and complete study can be made of the matter.

Sections 4 to 10, inclusive, define what may be done with those found guilty of crimes. These sections contain some wholesome provisions if they were limited to persons who might properly be considered juveniles, but the age limit is fixed so high that such is not the case.

Your committee recommends that while this bill should be laid upon the table the general subject of dealing with juvenile offenders should be referred to the Secretary of Finance and Justice for study,

with a request that, should he deem it advisable, a bill be prepared for introduction at the next session of the Philippine Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 501.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1037, entitled "An Act clarifying subsection (*c*) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled 'The Municipal Code,'" has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

According to the text of this bill, its purpose seems to be to clarify subsection (*c*) of section 40 of said Act No. 82 by the insertion, between the words "personal" and "for the benefit of," the following: "including agricultural lands"; but inasmuch as the word "real" property includes in its accepted meaning agricultural lands, your committee understands that there is no need for this clarification, and that the bill should be laid on the table as recommended.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 502.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 954, entitled "An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the annexed bill be laid on the table.

The purpose of the annexed bill is to amend subsection (*a*) of section 1 of Act No. 1625 by repealing the provisions of said Act limiting the salary of the municipal president and consolidating the positions of secretary and treasurer, and by increasing the salary of the municipal president and separating the positions of secretary

and treasurer, which involves a considerable increase of the expenses for salaries of municipal officers of the municipality of San Juan del Monte.

The aforesaid Act No. 1625 made it a prerequisite to the segregation of the pueblo of San Juan del Monte from the municipality of San Felipe Neri that the offices of secretary and treasurer be held by one person and that the salary of the municipal president be not in excess of a certain sum, doubtless because the revenues of the municipality did not allow of greater expenditures.

Supposing that the financial condition of the municipality of San Juan del Monte has improved, this fact should be established, either by administrative investigation or by any other suitable means, before the Legislature takes any action in the sense proposed by the annexed bill.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 503.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 925, entitled "An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-four in the sense of authorizing the exercise of the right of eminent domain for school purposes," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

This bill is covered by the provisions of Assembly Bill No. 949, on which report has this day been made by your committee.

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 504.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 975, entitled "An Act

creating a committee for the investigation of the public services," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The Government Offices and Departments have been investigated and reinvestigated with completeness and thoroughness by the Legislature since that entity was first created, and each year the Legislature, through its committees, by personal conferences with the heads of Bureaus and personal examination into their working, investigates the need of each position in the Government service and of the work which the occupant thereof is actually doing. Your committee is of opinion that there is no need for the appointment of a special committee to serve during the recess of the Legislature to make further examinations with a consequent considerable expenditure of Government funds and the loss of time on the part of employees which is always occasioned during these examinations. If the executive officers of the Government are performing their duties properly there is no need for the committee provided for in this bill, and if they are not performing their duties properly the Legislature has every opportunity of ascertaining the facts and taking the necessary action to remedy conditions.

There is one feature of this bill to which your committee wishes to call special attention. It provides for the payment of funds from the Insular Treasury without a definite appropriation therefor having been made, despite the fact that both Houses of the Legislature are definitely on record as opposed to the payment of any moneys from the Insular Treasury unless under the authority of an appropriation duly made by law. The sums which the committee proposed by this law could expend would be limited only by what the Auditor should consider the actual and necessary expenses of men who were among other things investigating his office.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 505.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1020, entitled "An Act providing that

the provisions of existing law requiring purchases to be made through the Bureau of Supply and the Philippines Library board and printing to be done by the Bureau of Printing, and certain provisions of section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, shall not be applicable to the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The Government has created certain service Bureaus in order to concentrate the purchases of the Government and its printing and binding. If each Bureau or Office were permitted to make its own purchases the Government would be unable, in the majority of instances, to make the advantageous terms which can always be obtained when orders are placed in quantity, to keep itself so readily informed as to prices and available stocks, and to eliminate in large measure the possibilities of scandal and abuse creeping into the matter of Government purchases.

It is the general practice of governments to have their printing and binding done in their own establishments, and the reasons therefor are so obvious as scarcely to make it necessary to recapitulate them. Your committee has already stated in a separate report its reasons for believing that greater usefulness will be obtained by continuing the libraries of the legislative bodies under the control of the central library board.

If these service Bureaus are proper and necessary for the work of the Government, it is believed that the legislative bodies should make use of them, if only for the reason that these bodies desire to give to their laws the authority and dignity which comes from placing themselves beneath these laws. If the Legislature excepts itself from the operation of laws which are useful and beneficial such exception may create in the public mind the impression that it considers too lightly its own handiwork. It is the opinion of your committee that the Legislature should show the public its high respect for the laws which it passes by a rigid and scrupulous obedience to their provisions.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 506.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1044, entitled "An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'An Act providing for the consolidation of all libraries belonging to any branch of the Philippine Insular Government for the creation of "The Philippines Library," and for the maintenance and regulation of the same, and for other purposes,' by fixing the status of the libraries of both Houses of the Legislature," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That this bill be laid on the table.

The purpose in placing the libraries under the general control of a central board was to prevent the duplication of purchases where such action should be taken without impairing the efficiency of any library, and also to provide a general catalogue so that the books, periodicals and documents of the Government, wherever located, might serve their greatest usefulness. In the library of the Supreme Court, in that housed in the Bureau of Science, and in the Philippine Library there are, without doubt, many books which would be of distinct service to members of the Legislature. There is no reason why all of these libraries, as well as the libraries of the two legislative bodies, should not be at the disposition of all branches of the Government, and this can only be obtained by maintaining the central control which has already been established over the libraries. The funds of the Government are limited, and only comparatively small amounts can be spent for books and periodicals. It is believed that a much more useful purpose would be served by endeavoring to create one general library as complete and well equipped as possible than by endeavoring to build up a number of small libraries, separate in their organization and control.

Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 507.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 822, entitled "An Act to authorize the

creation of rural associations in each one of the municipalities and townships of the Philippine Islands, to encourage agricultural industry and production, under Government subsidy creating to that end a special fund in the Insular Treasury formed chiefly out of customs duties on the importation of rice, or, in default thereof, out of the Gold Standard Fund, and lastly, from the general fund in the Insular Treasury," has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

Your committee does not make this recommendation because it is of the opinion that the measure is undesirable, but does so because the bill has come before the Commission and your Committee at such a late hour in the session that it is impossible to give it the consideration which so important a matter merits. Being unable at this late date to examine and consider the subject and the provisions of the bill, as they should be considered, your committee can not inform itself sufficiently to make any except the above recommendation. A similar proposition to authorize the creation of agricultural credit associations came before the Commission (A. B. 62) in 1908, when it was carefully considered by the then President of the Commission and laid on the table at his recommendation (Journal, First Legislature, first and special sessions, p. 284 et seq.)

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

[Committee Report No. 508.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee of one, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 943, entitled "An Act regarding public auctions," has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

The Bureau of Audits is now authorized to condemn and sell useless and other property, and if a representative of that Bureau can not be present to act as auctioneer the employee responsible for the property acts as such, or details some one to act for him. This has been the practice for several years and works well. It is without expense to the Government, while this Bill would entail the payment of considerable sums in the way of fees.

It would be impracticable for one auctioneer to attend to the sales of property at different points in the Islands, while the Bureau of Audits has representatives in all the different provinces.

Your committee does not see any need for such a law, and therefore recommends that the bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

Assembly Bill No. 946. An Act providing for the creation of seventy scholarships, at least one for each of the provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, known as The Provincial Government Act, and for the special provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, in the Government Forest School established at Los Baños, La Laguna, and appropriating twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pesos and fifty centavos for such purpose.

Assembly Bill No. 946, was read the third time.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was unanimously passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

[Committee Report No. 509.]

GENTLEMEN: Your committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 998, entitled "An Act authorizing the municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, to change the date of the celebration of its local fiesta," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

The undersigned sees no objection to this Act and it is recommended that the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. CAMERON FORBES,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

On motion by Commissioner Palma, seconded by Commissioner Sumulong,

The bill was laid on the table.

[Committee Report No. 510.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 939, entitled "An Act fixing the second Sunday of October of each year for the celebration of the local fiesta of the municipality of Casiguran," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Other similar bills, changing the local fiestas of other municipalities, have been unfavorably reported upon by your committee, and there is no reason for making an exception in favor of the bill herein dealt with.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 511.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1013 authorizing the municipality of Ibajay, Province of Capiz, to again change the date of its municipal fiesta, has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Other similar bills, changing the dates of the local fiestas of other municipalities, have been unfavorably reported upon by your committee, and there is no reason why an exception should be made in favor of this bill.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was adopted.

[Committee Report No. 512.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 603, entitled "An Act declaring the ports of Tabaco and Legaspi, Province of Albay, ports of entry," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That it be laid on the table.

The following comment made by your committee in report No. 148 on Assembly Bill No. 155, during the first session of the present Legislature is repeated as equally applicable to this bill (see pp. 480, 481, Journal of the Commission No. 4):

"The opening of Tabaco or Legaspi as a port of entry has been discussed a number of times before and the decision of the Commission has always been that there was no apparent need for a port of entry at either Tabaco or Legaspi and that the expense of maintaining such a port would in all likelihood be greater than the revenue collected thereat.

"This also has been the opinion of the undersigned and nothing has occurred since this subject was last discussed to change that opinion.

"It is improbable that any foreign boats carrying import cargoes or any foreign boats seeking their export cargoes would go to the port of Tabaco to discharge or receive the same. The marketing of the produce which is grown within the territory adjacent to the port of Tabaco is virtually controlled at the port of Manila and, even if Tabaco were an open port, it is believed that, under present conditions, this produce would still come to the port of Manila for sale and shipment.

"On October 11, 1907, the Commission passed Act No. 1775, authorizing the Insular Collector of Customs to clear foreign vessels for the ports of Legaspi and Tabaco under such rules and regulations as he might, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, impose. Section 76, Act No. 355, also permits collectors of customs to permit bulk cargo, imported in foreign vessels, to be unladen under the supervision of customs officers at places other than ports of entry within their respective districts.

"The undersigned can remember no instance, since the passage of Act No. 1775, where a foreign vessel has requested permission to proceed either to the port of Legaspi or Tabaco for the purpose of discharging bulk cargo or taking on board export cargo. There have at different times been a number of minor entry ports in the Philippine Islands such as Aparri, north Island of Luzon, Davao on the southeast coast of Mindanao, and Siasi on the Island of Siasi, Jolo Archipelago. None of these ports ever did a sufficient

business to justify their maintenance as ports of entry and all have been subsequently closed under the authority of existing law."

Respectfully submitted.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 47.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That at the end of section 3, as amended by the Commission, the words "Like application shall thereafter be filed for each motor vehicle before the first day of January of each year" be striken out.

That the Commission desist from its amendment to section 47 of the Assembly bill, consisting in the addition of the words "and all fees collected under the provisions hereof shall be and become a part of and be merged with and into the said appropriation.

That the words "or without the same" be inserted after the words "If after such examination" at the beginning of the third paragraph of section 14.

JUAN SUMULONG,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
V. SINGSON ENCARNACIÓN,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights."

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of

conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed the following Assembly Bill No. 1059, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission: An Act relieving the bondsmen of Yap Anton and Ong Kong Yam, charged with *estafa* in the Court of First Instance of Cebu, from all responsibility for the bond put up for said defendants.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Assembly Bill No. 1059, was read the first time.

Commissioner Araneta moved that it be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called *Cajas de Comunidad*, and for other purposes."

It asks a conference with the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part Delegates Tirona, Boyles and Guingona.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission insist on its amendment to Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the

Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called *Cajas de Comunidad*, and for other purposes," disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to the conference requested by the Assembly on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That Commissioner Araneta be the manager on the part of the Commission.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly insists upon its amendment to Commission Bill No. 124, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles," disagreed to by the Commission, and agrees to the conference asked by the Commission on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed as managers at the same on its part, Delegates Fuentebella and Samson.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the committee of conference on Commission Bill No. 124.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 513.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee, appointed to make report and recommendation on Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States, through the Resident Commissioners, for the enactment of a law to amend section thirteen of an Act of Congress passed August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, so as to lower the export duty on abacá to five cents for each one hundred kilos gross weight," has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the recommendation that consideration be postponed.

This resolution was referred to your committee for study in connection with the entire hemp situation, public hearings to be held and interested parties invited to be heard, but your committee has not had time, during the period since its appointment, to investigate and consider so extensive a question as fully as its importance deserves.

Your committee being charged with a complete investigation of the hemp industry, hopes to give the question thorough consideration

before the convening of the next Legislature, and report thereon, and therefore now recommends that the resolution be laid on the table and that the subject matter be considered by the Commission on the convening of the next Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. BRANAGAN,
GREGORIO ARANETA,
JUAN SUMULONG,
Committee.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

Commissioner Worcester introduced the following bill:

Commission Bill No. 187. An Act authorizing the establishment of quarantines and regulating the movement of cattle within the territory under the exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the Philippine Commission.

Commission Bill No. 187 was read the first and second times.

On motion by Commissioner Worcester, unanimously carried.

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, and the title was read and approved.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 187 be enrolled and printed as an Act, the enactment of same being within the exclusive general legislative jurisdiction of the Commission over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 48.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called *Cajas de Comunidad,* and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference have

agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission amend its amendment by inserting at the end of section 2 the words "and be used to meet appropriations made by the Legislature for charitable purposes and public instruction."

That as so amended the Assembly concur in the amendments of the Commission.

GREGORIO ARANETA,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
EMILIANO T. TIRONA,
EUTIQUIO BOYLES,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called *Cajas de Comunidad,* and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 514.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your select committee, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1014, entitled "An Act providing for the purchase, administration, and sale of a certain hacienda situated in the Province of Cavite," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

The passage of this bill would involve the appropriation of ₱300,000 for the acquisition of the Hacienda de San Isidro, in the municipality of Cavite, the purchase of which is proposed in said bill.

Aside from the fact that said sum of ₱300,000 is probably needed for other purposes of the Government, your committee deems that the purchase of said hacienda would set a bad precedent, said purchase being for the purpose of subsequently selling same in small parcels to persons who claim to dispute the rights of the present owners, as such action might give rise to the provocation by lessees and tenants of similar disputes for the purpose of compelling the Government to buy properties to which they desire to make good claims that may be more or less well founded. In any event your committee is of the opinion that there is not sufficient justification in this case for the

Government to exercise the right of eminent domain as defined in sections 63, 64, and 65 of the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902.

Respectfully submitted.

JUAN SUMULONG, *Committee.*

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 515.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1046, entitled "An Act authorizing and confirming certain payments made from the road and bridge fund of the Province of Cebu by Eugene Garnett, provincial treasurer of Cebu and by C. D. Upington, acting provincial treasurer of the same province," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

That the bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSÉ R. DE LUZURIAGA,
Chairman, Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report was received.

Assembly Bill No. 1046, was thereupon read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

It was considered in committee, and reported back to the Commission with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, unanimously carried,

The bill was considered urgent under the provisions of Rule XIV, Rules of the Commission, and read the third time by title only.

The question then being upon its passage, the roll was called and the bill was passed, Commissioners Araneta and Sumulong voting in the negative.

The title was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Gilbert introduced the following resolution:

Commission Resolution No. 88. Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he hereby is, authorized to take steps to have printed and bound at the end of the present session of the Legislature five hundred copies of the Journal of the Commission for the period February fourth, nineteen hundred and eleven, to February six, nineteen hundred and twelve, inclusive, including the second regular session of the Second Philippine Legislature and the special session of nineteen hundred and twelve, following the same general style as that of the Journals for preceding sessions, fifty copies of the Journal to be bound in full sheep, and the remainder in cloth.

The resolution was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

[Committee Report No. 516.]

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, to which was referred on February 3, 1912, Assembly Bill No. 1030, entitled "An Act making appropriations for public works," has examined the same and has the honor to report it back to the Commission with the following recommendation, namely:

The appropriations already made for public works and as yet unexpended will enable us to do a reasonable amount of work during the next year, and in view of the present financial condition of the Government your committee does not believe it advisable to pass a public works appropriation bill this year, and therefor recommends that this bill be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. ELLIOTT,
Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The report and the recommendation contained therein were adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed, without amendment, Commission Bill No. 109, entitled "An Act to correct an error

in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled 'An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one, and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as "The Opium Act," by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes.' "

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 109 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 172, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health,' by removing the restriction as to the number of nurses of each sex that may be admitted during any one year."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 172 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed without amendment Commission Bill No. 143, entitled "An Act amending section nineteen of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'The Land Registration Act,' as amended, by providing that an executor or administrator duly appointed under the laws of the Philippine Islands may on behalf of the estate of the deceased make application for the registration of title."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered, That Commission Bill No. 143 be enrolled and printed as an Act.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 827, entitled "An Act granting to the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat, and power system, and to install, operate, and maintain an electric light, heat, and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSIÓN.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1055, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resin, stone, earth, and other forest products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1026, entitled "An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called *Cajas de Comunidad*, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 49.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No.

988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Assembly recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Commission and agree to the same, and that in lieu thereof both Houses agree to the following amendment:

Amend subsection (*a*) of section 20 to read as follows:

"Members of the police other than chiefs shall receive pay at a rate of not more than fifty pesos a month."

That a new section to be numbered 34 be added to read as follows:

"SEC. 34. The members of the municipal council are hereby relieved of the obligation to furnish bond for the arms and ammunition of the municipal police, provisions of the existing law to the contrary notwithstanding," and that both Houses agree thereto.

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
J. D. LUNA,
JOSE TUPAS,
Managers on the part of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 988, entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Ordered filed.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, passed, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the Commission is requested, Commission Bill No. 35, entitled "An Act to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year and to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government.

The bill, with amendments certified thereon, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN .DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The amendments are as follows:

Insert the following paragraph at the end of section 2:

"Official copies of all reports and statements herein provided for shall be filed in Spanish and English by the Executive Secretary with the Philippine Legislature at the beginning of each regular session."

Insert the following section between sections 3 and 4:

"SEC. 4. The fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve shall terminate on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eleven. The fiscal year beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall be known as the new fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve, and thereafter fiscal years shall bear the same number as calendar years: *Provided,* That in case the Legislature does not pass an appropriation bill for the current expenses of the Insular Government during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve, Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled: 'An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven, and other designated periods' shall be in effect until the Legislature shall otherwise provide, during said fiscal year and during each fiscal year thereafter, with the same value and effect as if said Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine had been expressly passed for the said fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve and for each fiscal year thereafter, and each of the amounts specified in said Act shall be expended exactly and solely for the purposes for which authorized and with the restrictions imposed by said Act. The Insular Auditor shall strike a balance of the expenditures made by each Bureau or branch of the Government during the last six months of said year nineteen hundred and eleven, and if such expenditures exceed by one-half the amount authorized by said Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, for said office or branch, such excess shall be

discounted from the amount authorized for such bureau during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve; and if, on the contrary, it is less than such one-half the balance shall be turned into the Insular Treasury and shall not be available for any other purpose except by an Act of the Legislature."

Section 4, strike out in its entirety and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Governor-General to direct that any unexpended balance of appropriations be returned to the general fund of the Insular Treasury and to transfer from the general fund moneys which have been returned thereto' and all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed."

Strike out section 5 and change section 4 of the bill to section 5.

Add the following words to the title: "and for other purposes."

On motion by Commissioner Elliott the bill was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 50.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1056, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Commission agree to amend its amendment by adding thereto the following, and that as so amended the Assembly recede from its disagreement and concur therein.

"SEC. 2. No tax shall be levied upon agricultural machinery attached to, and a part of, real estate unless it exceeds in value two hundred pesos."

NEWTON W. GILBERT,
Manager on the part of the Commission.
FILEMON SOTTO,
Manager on the part of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1056, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of

crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

CONFERENCE REPORTS—FAILURE TO AGREE.

The committees of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the following bills reported failure to agree:

Commission Bill No. 124. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles.

Commission Bill No. 164. An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

Commission Bill No. 181. An Act authorizing the establishment of an Agricultural Bank under the guaranties authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Assembly Bill No. 648. An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 940. An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases.

Assembly Bill No. 949. An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws.

Assembly Bill No. 966. An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish Language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes.

Assembly Bill No. 1022. An Act making appropriation for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

Assembly Bill No. 1029. An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands.

The reports were accepted.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1056, entitled "An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 937, entitled "An Act authorizing the provinces and subprovinces of the Philippines to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of the Philippines or any other official educational centers in Manila."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 956, entitled "An Act appropriating funds for charitable purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly, on February 6, 1912, agreed to the amendment of the Commission to Assembly Bill No. 1054, entitled "An Act appropriating five thousand pesos for the maintenance in an appropriate manner of the land and house where Doctor José Rizal was

born and lived, in the municipality of Calamba, Province of La Laguna, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have been directed to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on February 6, 1912, adopted the following Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14, in which it requests the concurrence of the Commission "Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the special session of the Legislature, on Tuesday, February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock postmeridian, and for other purposes."

Very respectfully,

RAMÓN DIOKNO,
Secretary, Philippine Assembly.

To the Honorable,
the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The resolution is as follows:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14. Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the special session of the Legislature, on Tuesday, February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock postmeridian, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Philippine Assembly, the Philippine Commission concurring, That the President of the Commission and the Speaker of the Assembly be, as they hereby are, authorized to declare the special session of the Second Philippine Legislature, now sitting in the city of Manila, adjourned on Tuesday, February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, the date on which the four days of said session which began on the second day of February of this year, in accordance with the proclamation of the Executive, dated February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, will be completed, by adjourning the sessions of both Houses *sine die* at twelve o'clock postmeridian on Tuesday, February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Resolved further, That a committee of three members of the Commission, appointed by the President, and a like number of members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker, meet and wait on the Chief Executive of the Islands, on the night of said date, before the hour designated for adjournment, to inform him that the two Houses are ready to adjourn the session at the hour specified, unless the Executive have some message or communication to transmit to them; and

Resolved further, That the part of this resolution relative to the adjournment be cabled to the President of the United States, through the honorable the Governor-General.

By unanimous consent, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was read once and put upon its passage.

The roll was called, and Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14 was unanimously passed, and the title read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Assembly thereof.

RESOLUTION.

On motion by Commissioner Gilbert, it was

Resolved, That the Commission express to Mr. George C. Schweickert its appreciation of his services as Secretary during the strenuous session of the Legislature which is just coming to an end. He has not only evinced a fine knowledge of parliamentary law, but has conducted the organization of his office in such manner that business has been expedited, and the work of the Commission has been accurately and promptly dispatched.

JOINT COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

At 11 o'clock and 50 minutes postmeridian,

A committee of three from the Assembly, composed of Delegates Adriático, Apacible, and Ledesma, were admitted to the Session Chamber and stated that, in accordance with Concurrent Resolution No. 7 (A. C. R. No. 14), they were ready to unite with a committee of the Commission to announce to the Chief Executive that, in accordance with said resolution, the Legislature would be ready to adjourn at 12 o'clock midnight unless the Chief Executive had some further communication to make to it.

Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Araneta, it was,

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to unite with the committee of the Assembly in notifying the Chief Executive that, in accordance with Concurrent Resolution No. 7 of the Second Philippine Legislature, the Legislature would adjourn at 12 o'clock midnight unless the Chief Executive had some further communication to make to it.

The Chair then appointed Commissioners Worcester, Araneta, and Palma as such committee. The Commission

suspended its proceedings while the Vice-Governor on behalf of the Governor-General, received the committee of the Legislature and informed them that he had no further communication to make.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 6, 1912, was approved.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE COMMISSION AS A CHAMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

The hour of midnight having arrived, pursuant to Concurrent Resolution No. 7 of the Second Philippine Legislature, the Chair declared the Commission as a Chamber of the Philippine Legislature adjourned *sine die*.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMISSION ACTING WITHIN ITS EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL THAT PART OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS INHABITED BY MOROS OR OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBES.

Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Branagan,

The Commission acting within its exclusive legislative jurisdiction over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Attest:

GEO. C. SCHWEICKERT,
Secretary.

Approved:

W. CAMERON FORBES,
President.

MEMBERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

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Second Philippine Legislature.

MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS JOURNAL, VIZ, FEBRUARY 4, 1911, TO FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

[Authorized membership, 9.]

Honorable W. CAMERON FORBES, Governor-General, *ex officio* President.

Honorable NEWTON W. GILBERT, Vice-Governor and Secretary of Public Instruction (on leave from February 4, 1911, to September 17, 1911).

Honorable DEAN C. WORCESTER, Secretary of the Interior (absent from the Islands on official business to April 7, 1911).

Honorable JOSE R. DE LUZURIAGA.

Honorable GREGORIO ARANETA, Secretary of Finance and Justice.

Honorable RAFAEL PALMA.

Honorable JUAN SUMULONG.

Honorable FRANK A. BRANAGAN (on leave from March 1, 1911, to September 2, 1911).

Honorable CHARLES B. ELLIOTT, Secretary of Commerce and Police.

Secretary of the Commission, GEORGE C. SCHWEICKERT.[1]

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION.

[As constituted March 30, 1910. For personnel prior to said date see pp. 709, 710, of Journal for second session First Legislature.]

Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General.—The President of the Commission.

[1] Appointed February 28, 1911. Mr. Wm. H. Donovan resigned February 20, 1911.

Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior.—The Commissioner holding the position of Secretary of the Interior.

Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police.—The Commissioner holding the position of Secretary of Commerce and Police.

Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.—The Commissioner holding the position of Secretary of Finance and Justice.

Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction.—The Commissioner holding the position of Secretary of Public Instruction.

Committee on Appropriations.—The Commissioner holding the position of Secretary of Finance and Justice, chairman; Commissioner Worcester; Commissioner Luzuriaga; Commissioner Branagan.

Committee on Rules.—Commissioner Gilbert, chairman; Commissioner Elliott; Commissioner Palma; Commissioner Sumulong.

Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments.—Commissioner Luzuriaga, chairman; Commissioner Palma; Commissioner Elliott; Commissioner Sumulong.

Committee on Taxation and Revenue.—Commissioner Branagan, chairman; Commissioner Araneta; Commissioner Gilbert; Commissioner Palma.

Committee on Non-Christian Tribes.—Commissioner Worcester, chairman; Commissioner Luzuriaga; Commissioner Sumulong; Commissioner Branagan.

Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province.—Commissioner Branagan, chairman; Commissioner Palma; Commissioner Elliott.

CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 4, 1911, TO FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

Philippine Commission.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM FEBRUARY 4, 1911, TO FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

Statement with reference to bills, resolutions, and reports of committees, Acts of the legislative council of the Moro Province considered in executive session by the Commission from February 4, 1911, to October 15, 1911, and appointments confirmed by the Commission during the period from February 4, 1911, to February 6, 1912, inclusive.

When the Legislature is not in session, action taken by the Commission within its exclusive general legislative jurisdiction over all that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes is recorded in the Executive Journal, and as this journal is not printed, the following information is taken therefrom and given here in order to afford in the printed journal a continuous record of all bills, resolutions, committee reports and acts of the legislative council of the Moro Province considered by the Commission from the close of the period covered by the journal for the first session of the Second Legislature to and including February 6, 1912. The numerical series of Commission bills, joint, concurrent, and house resolutions, and committee reports, begin anew with each Legislature. There is also given in this statement a list of appointments confirmed by the Commission from February 4, 1911, to February 6, 1912, inclusive.

The following table shows the numbers of Commission

bills, resolutions, and reports presented during each session and during recesses of the Second Philippine Legislature:

	First recess, January 1, 1910, to March 27, 1910, inclusive.	Special session, March 28, 1910, to April 19, 1910, inclusive.	Second recess, April 20, 1910, to October 16, 1910, inclusive.	First session, October 17, 1910, to February 3, 1911, inclusive.	Third recess, February 4, 1911, to October 15, 1911, inclusive.	Second session, October 16, 1911, to February 1, 1912, inclusive.	Special session, February 2, 1912, to February 6, 1912, inclusive.
	Nos.	*Nos.*	*Nos.*	*Nos.*	*Nos.*	*Nos.*	*Nos.*
Commission bills	1-2	3-10	11-20	21-92	93-107	108-185	186-187
Commission joint resolutions	None.	None.	None.	1	None.	None.	None.
Commission concurrent resolutions	None.	None.	None.	1-2	None.	3	None.
House resolutions	1-9	10-19	20-42	43-59	60-72	73-86	87-88
Committee reports	1-6	7-25	26-37	38-218	219-235	236-435	436-516
Conference reports	None.	1-6	None.	7-25	None.	26-39	40-50

The following are the bills, resolutions, reports, and acts of the legislative council of the Moro Province, by titles or subjects, presented to the Commission during the periods from February 4, 1911, to October 15, 1911, inclusive, with information of the action taken thereon:

BILLS.

No. 93. An Act establishing a sales agency for articles manufactured in the schools in the provinces inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes, and by the people of said provinces, and appropriating money for the construction of a suitable building for the same, and for other purposes.

April 7, 1911. Introduced by the President, read the first time and ordered on file for second reading.

April 10, 1911. Read the second time, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time, passed, reconsidered, further amended, passed, and title amended. (See Act No. 2061.)

No. 94. An Act making applicable to that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes certain acts of the Second Philippine Legislature, making an appropriation to enable said territory to participate in the benefits of Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three, and legalizing, confirming, and ratifying the collection of taxes and all other action heretofore taken in said territory under the provisions of any of said Acts.

April 18, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Araneta, read first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time and passed. (See Act No. 2062.)

No. 95. An Act to amend Act Numbered nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "An Act making a toll road of all that part of the Benguet Road situate, lying, and being within the boundaries of the Mountain Province," as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and eight, by providing for the regulation of passage of traffic of all kinds thereon, and fixing penalties for violation of such regulations.

April 18, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Elliott, read first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time and passed. (See Act No. 2063.)

No. 96. An Act renewing certain appropriations in Acts Numbered Nineteen hundred and ninety-two and Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight until such time as the regular appropriations for the Mountain Province and the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Agusan and for Insular expenses in said provinces, the Moro Province, and the city of Baguio, for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twelve, shall have been made.

June 23, 1911. Introduced by the President, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time, and passed. (See Act No. 2064.)

No. 97. An Act making an appropriation for sundry expenses of the Bureau of Audits in the territory inhabited by Moros and other non-Christian tribes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

June 23, 1911. Introduced by the President, read first and second times, considered in Committee of Whole, read third time, amended, and passed. (See Act No. 2065.)

No. 98. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of a province to be known as the Mountain Province, for the establishment of a prison at Bontoc for non-Christian criminals, changing the boundaries of the province of Nueva Vizcaya, amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-seven, as amended, by changing the boundaries of the Mountain Judicial District and the times and places of holding courts of first instance in the said district, providing for participation by the Mountain Province in the distribution of internal-revenue collections, and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act," by creating the office of fiscal of the Mountain Province; creating the office of provincial fiscal of Nueva Vizcaya; abolishing the position of fiscal for the Mountain Judicial District, and for other purposes.

July 22, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Araneta, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time, passed, and title amended. (See Act No. 2066.)

No. 99. An Act providing for the investment of a portion of the accretions to the gold-standard fund in loans to the provinces and municipalities in the territory inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, for certain purposes, in securities authorized for the investment of funds of the Postal Savings Bank, and in interest-bearing bonds to assist in the construction of sugar centrals, and for other purposes.

July 22, 1911. Introduced by the President, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, and ordered on file for third reading.

July 24, 1911. Read the third time, further amended, and passed. (See Act No. 2067.)

No. 100. An Act to provide for the employment of a prosecuting attorney for the Moro Province.

July 26, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Palma, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, read third time, and passed. (See Act No. 2068.)

No. 101. An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the provincial governments of Agusan, Nueva Vizcaya, and the Mountain Province, for Insular expenses in the said provinces and the Moro Province, for the period ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and adding to the purposes for which the money appropriated by section five of Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-two may be used.

July 27, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Worcester, read the first and second times, considered in Committee of Whole, read third time, and passed. (See Act No. 2069.)

No. 102. An Act making appropriations for public works and permanent improvements in the Provinces of Agusan, Nueva Vizcaya, the Mountain Province, and the Moro Province.

July 27, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Worcester, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of the Whole, read the third time, and passed. (See Act No. 2070.)

No. 103. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles in the Moro Province, the Mountain Province, the Province of Agusan, and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

July 27, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Elliott, read the first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Department of Finance and Justice.

September 15, 1911. Reported with amendments (Report No. 234), report adopted, read the second time, further amended in Committee of the Whole, and ordered on file for third reading.

September 18, 1911. Judge Ostrand, of the Court of Land Registration, given a hearing, and further consideration postponed.

September 21, 1911. Judges Smith and Ostrand, of the Court of Land Registration, and Mr. Wilson, Acting Director of Lands, given a hearing, and further consideration postponed.

September 26, 1911. Read the third time, further amended, and consideration postponed.

October 2, 1911. Further amended and consideration postponed.

October 3, 1911. Further amended, passed, and title amended. (See Act No. 2075.)

No. 104. An Act prohibiting slavery, involuntary servitude, peonage, and the sale or purchase of human beings in the Mountain Province and the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Agusan, and providing punishment therefor.

August 3, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Worcester, read the first and second times, and considered in Committee of Whole.

August 7, 1911. Amended in Committee of Whole, read the third time, passed, and title amended. (See Act No. 2071.)

No. 105. An Act conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace in the Moro Province to try persons charged with infraction of municipal ordinances.

August 3, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Araneta, read the first and second times, considered in Committee of Whole, and ordered on file for third reading.

August 7, 1911. Read the third time, amended, and passed. (See Act No. 2072.)

No. 106. An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes, in the Moro Province, the Mountain Province, and the Provinces of Agusan and Nueva Vizcaya.

August 18, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Elliott, read the first and second times, amended in Committee of Whole, and ordered on file for third reading.

August 19, 1911. Read the third time and passed. (See Act No. 2073.)

No. 107. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and seventy-two, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace in the Moro Province to try persons charged with infraction of municipal ordinances," by postponing the date of the taking effect thereof.

September 26, 1911. Introduced by the President, read three times, and passed. (See Act No. 2074.)

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 60. Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to the Governor-General that he appoint Washington L. Goldsborough of the Code Committee as a commissioner to represent the Philippine Islands at the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws,

to hold office until the work of the Code Committee shall have been completed; and

Resolved, further, That such appointment shall be made with the understanding that no expense whatever to the Philippine Government shall be occasioned thereby.

February 21, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Araneta and adopted.

No. 61. Whereas the Governor-General has requested an expression of views from the Commission regarding the use by him of launches, steamers, and other means of transportation; and

Whereas the Governor-General has stated to the Commission that he prefers that no steam vessel be assigned exclusively to his use:

Be it resolved, That it is the sense of the Commission that whenever the Governor-General desires the use of Government launches, cutters, or other means of transportation directly or indirectly under his personal orders such service is and shall be considered to have been necessary and proper for the public service.

February 21, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Elliott, and adopted.

No. 62. Resolved, That George C. Schweickert be, and he hereby is, appointed Secretary of the Commission.

February 28, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 63. Whereas the Commission has received a petition from the Manila Railroad Company dated March 29, 1911, requesting that the Commission recommend to Congress the amendment of section 4 of the Act of Congress approved February 6, 1905, dealing with the Government guaranty of bonds issued against the construction of railroads in the Philippine Islands so that it will read that contracts of guaranty may be executed upon the completion of the railroad in sections of not less than ten continuous kilometers each instead of twenty continuous miles each, as now provided; and

Whereas the Commission is convinced that the change requested will result in very much more rapid completion of the contracts for railroad construction with corresponding benefit to the people and it can see no way in which the public interests can be made to suffer by reason thereof, the Commission being of the opinion that experience has proven that the other safeguards placed about the construction amply protect the Government and the people against loss:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commission recommends that Congress be asked to amend section four of the Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five, dealing with the Government guaranty of bonds issued against the construction of railroads in the Philippine Islands so that contracts of guaranty thereby authorized may be executed upon satisfactory proof of the construction of

the railroad in sections of not less than ten continuous kilometers each instead of twenty continuous miles each, as now provided.

April 11, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 64. Whereas the plan of survey of the exterior boundaries of land to be reserved as a town site at Bosoboso, municipality of Antipolo, Province of Rizal, was approved, and said land so reserved by Resolution No. 47 of the Commission, dated October twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and ten; and

Whereas the survey of a partial subdivision of the town site has been completed by the Bureau of Lands, and plans were approved by the Acting Director of Lands of lots one to one hundred and twelve, inclusive, on January fifth, nineteen hundred and eleven; and

Whereas several of the lots which have been surveyed are to be used for public civil purposes; and

Whereas the said plan of partial subdivision is herewith submitted by the Acting Director of Lands for approval:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Acting Director of Lands be, and the same hereby is, approved as regards lots one to one hundred and twelve, inclusive; and

Resolved further, That lots forty-eight, fifty-two, and one hundred and nine shall be, and hereby are, reserved for public civil purposes; and

Resolved further, That lots fifty-nine to seventy, inclusive, and lots ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, one hundred, and one hundred and one shall be, and hereby are, designated as business lots, and the remainder of the lots, according to the partial subdivision above set forth, are hereby designated as residence lots; and

Resolved further, That the proceeds derived from the sale of lots shall be reserved as a special fund to be devoted to public improvements in or near the town site to be expended by the district engineer of Rizal.

July 25, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Worcester, amended, and adopted.

No. 65. Whereas Second Lieutenant Vicente Fernandez, Philippine Constabulary, has been appointed supply officer at Tacloban, Leyte, in which position he is required to give bond to the Government of the Philippine Islands, and to pay one-third of the premium thereon from his personal funds; and

Whereas it appears that Lieutenant Fernandez is under obligation to render service to the Government for a period equal to that during which he received the benefit of education at the expense of the Government in the United States, and under the rule established in such cases, can not receive any increase in compensation until such obligation has been discharged, and has been denied the increase

usually allowed supply officers of the Constabulary, as well as the full salary belonging to the rank of second lieutenant: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with section four of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, Lieutenant Fernandez is hereby exempted from the payment of the one-third of the premium on his bond until the expiration of the period of service required by Act Numbered Eight hundred and fifty-four.

July 27, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Elliott and adopted.

No. 66. Resolved, That in accordance with section six of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and seven, Mr. L. F. Goodale, Supervising Railway Expert, shall be entitled to leave for his services from July first, nineteen hundred and nine, in accordance with the Civil Service Law, computed, however, for the period July first, nineteen hundred and nine, to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven, inclusive, on the basis of a salary of twelve thousand pesos per annum.

August 18, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 67. Whereas the commanding officer, Fort Mills, Corregidor Island, Cavite, with the approval of the Commanding General, Philippines Division, recommends the appointment of an auxiliary justice of the peace at the barrio of San José, Corregidor Island, municipality of Cavite, Province of Cavite; and

Whereas section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one, provides that places other than organized municipalities for which appointments of justices of the peace and auxiliary justices of the peace are made shall be determined by resolution of the Commission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appointment of an auxiliary justice of the peace for the barrio of San José, Corregidor Island, municipality of Cavite, Province of Cavite, with jurisdiction over the entire territory included within the Fort Mills Military Reservation, is hereby authorized in accordance with section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one.

August 18, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 68. Whereas the Commission has heard with deep regret of the death of Señora Teodora Alonso y Quintos, mother of Dr. José Rizal, the Philippine patriot and martyr: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commission extends on its own behalf, and in the belief that in this matter it voices the sentiment of all the people

of the Philippine Islands, to the bereaved family its most sincere sympathy and condolence; and

Resolved further, That the Secretary of the Commission is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

August 18, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 69. Whereas Mr. H. W. Newman, a clerk of the Treasury Bureau, has been designated to make cash payments in Manila on monthly pay rolls of certain Bureaus and Offices of the Insular Government, namely, Executive Bureau, Bureau of Printing, Bureau of Civil Service, Bureau of Justice, Office of the Code Committee, Office of the Supreme Court, Office of the Reporter of the Supreme Court, and the Court of Land Registration, and the Insular Auditor has ruled that he should give bond and pay the one-third of the premium thereon usually required of disbursing officers; and

Whereas Mr. Newman performs such duties in addition to his regular duties as a clerk of the Treasury Bureau and without additional compensation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with section four of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, Mr. H. W. Newman be, and is hereby, exempted from the payment of the one-third of the premium on his bond while performing extra duty without additional compensation therefor.

September 15, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Araneta and adopted.

No. 70. Whereas the commanding officer, Fort Wint, Grande Island, Zambales, recommends the appointment of a justice of the peace for the Artillery District of Subic Bay, comprising Grande and Chiquita Islands; and

Whereas section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one, provides that places other than organized municipalities for which appointments of justices of the peace and auxiliary justices of the peace are made shall be determined by resolution of the Commission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appointment of a justice of the peace for the Artillery District of Subic Bay, comprising Grande and Chiquita Islands, municipality of Olongapo, Province of Zambales, with jurisdiction over the entire territory included within said islands, is hereby authorized in accordance with section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one.

September 15, 1911. Introduced by the President and adopted.

No. 71. Whereas the Director of Agriculture recommends the appointment of a justice of the peace for the barrio of Sisiman, municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan; and

Whereas section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One Hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one, provides that places other than organized municipalities for which appointments of justices of the peace and auxiliary justices of the peace are made shall be determined by resolution of the Commission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appointment of a justice of the peace for the barrio of Sisiman, municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, with jurisdiction over the entire territory included in said barrio, is hereby authorized in accordance with section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty, Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, and Two thousand and forty-one.

August 3, 1911. Introduced by the President and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice.

September 15, 1911. Reported favorably (Report No. 233) and adopted.

No. 72. Whereas on October twentieth, nineteen hundred and nine, the Secretary of the Interior expressed the opinion that it would be in the public interest to reserve a town site at Cabcaben, municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan; and

Whereas on July twentieth, nineteen hundred and ten, the Secretary of the Interior requested the Director of Lands to cause a survey to be made of the exterior boundaries of the land which it was deemed wise to reserve; and

Whereas on September twenty-third, nineteen hundred and ten, the Director of Lands ordered the survey of the land, as directed by the Secretary of the Interior; and

Whereas said survey was completed on May twenty-fifth, nineteen hunred and eleven, and

Whereas on August first, nineteen hundred and eleven, the Director of Lands approved the plan of said survey, the boundaries of which are as follows:

Beginning at point marked 1 on plan, N. 58° 18′ E. 1,518.24 m. from B. L. L. M. No. 1, Cabcaben, thence S. 34° 50′ W. 55.32 m. to point 2; S. 35° 15′ W. 85.25 m. to point 3; S. 44° 57′ W. 83.55 m. to point 4; S. 48° 57′ W. 36.86 m. to point 5; S. 39° 35′ W. 77.9 m. to point 6; S. 52° 10′ W. 103.71 m. to point 7; S. 68° 33′ W. 145.8 m. to point 8; S. 74° 02′ W. 113.96 m. to point 9; S. 60° 57′ W. 195.61 m. to point 10; S. 43° 28′ W. 174.38 m. to point

11; S. 9° 09′ W. 79.55 m. to point 12; S. 2° 47′ W. 135.71 m. to point 13; S. 0° 46′ W. 105.28 m. to point 14; S. 16° 56′ W. 89.07 m. to point 15; S. 42° 01′ W. 92.33 m. to point 16; S. 8° 07′ W. 51.76 m. to point 17; S. 36° 19′ W. 23.83 m. to point 18; S. 3° 37′ W. 10.32 m. to point 19; S. 8° 17′ E. 70.25 m. to point 20; S. 1° 44′ W. 26.72 m. to point 21; S. 54° 22′ W. 77.29 m. to point 22; S. 56° 17′ W. 54.74 m. to point 23; N. 72° 59′ W. 50.87 m. to point 24; N. 25° 18′ W. 32.48 m. to point 25; N. 13° 51′ W. 72.15 m. to point 26; N. 72° 21′ W. 33.35 m. to point 27; N. 79° 37′ W. 25.68 m. to point 28; N. 83° 42′ W. 51.38 m. to point 29; S. 87° 41′ W. 89.88 m. to point 30; N. 76° 34′ W. 40.34 m. to point 31; N. 52° 00′ W. 155.9 m. to point 32; N. 41° 28′ W. 61.29 m. to point 33; N. 47° 23′ W. 35.97 m. to point 34; N. 15° 48′ W. 30.22 m. to point 35; N. 10° 00′ E. 23.82 m. to point 36; N. 10° 43′ W. 22.59 m. to point 37; N. 70° 05′ W. 75.18 m. to point 38; S. 82° 10′ W. 72.02 m. to point 39; N. 75° 11′ W. 44.68 m. to point 40; N. 73° 19′ W. 24.58 m. to point 41; N. 71° 20′ W. 79.97 m. to point 42; N. 70° 40′ W. 27.13 m. to point 43; N. 53° 35′ W. 56.4 m. to point 44; N. 71° 56′ W. 62.72 m. to point 45; N. 63° 45′ W. 22.34 m. to point 46; N. 36° 25′ W. 115.6 m. to point 47; N. 21° 17′ E. 355.66 m. to point 48; N. 21° 17′ E. 210.41 m. to point 49; N. 21° 18′ E. 329.81 m. to point 50; N. 21° 17′ E. 53.12 m. to point 51; N. 21° 17′ E. 120.57 m. to point 52; N. 75° 36′ E. 51.34 m. to point 53; S. 67° 47′ E. 80.51 m. to point 54; N. 44° 48′ E. 39.35 m. to point 55; N. 10° 40′ W. 97.66 m. to point 56; S. 51° 12′ E. 40.23 m. to point 57; S. 45° 21′ E. 104.19 m. to point 58; S. 36° 34′ E. 61.37 m. to point 59; S. 82° 56′ E. 143.93 m. to point 60; N. 49° 49′ F. 34.73 m. to point 61; S. 79° 20′ E. 28.27 m. to point 61a; S. 62° 45′ E. 58.27 m. to point 62; S. 60° 13′ E. 88.35 m. to point 63; N. 62° 15′ E. 32.71 m. to point 64; N. 25° 31′ E. 20.99 m. to point 65; N. 2° 02′ E. 20.23 m. to point 66; N. 42° 52′ W. 39.59 m. to point 67; S. 77° 23′ E. 27.42 m. to point 68; S. 55° 38′ E. 74.57 m. to point 69; S. 52° 18′ E. 49.35 m. to point 70; S. 73° 38′ E. 20.41 m. to point 71; N. 89° 46′ E. 29.31 m. to point 72; S. 82° 01′ E. 37.27 m. to point 73; S. 15° 23′ E. 50.48 m. to point 74; S. 69° 24′ E. 48.21 m. to point 75; S. 68° 00′ E. 45.87 m. to point 76; S. 13° 06′ E. 12.71 m. to point 77; S. 2° 46′ W. 99.91 m. to point 78; S. 3° 28′ E. 69.46 m. to point 79; S. 27° 41′ E. 69.16 m. to point 80; S. 53° 25′ E. 43.94 m. to point 81; S. 75° 38′ E. 80.85 m. to point 82; N. 67° 26′ E. 37.49 m. to point 83; N. 23° 37′ E. 17.84 m. to point 84; N. 4° 55′ E. 39.25 m. to point 85; N. 40° 15′ E. 17.85 m. to point 86; N. 66° 44′ 30″ E. 94.92 m. to point 87; S. 70° 11′ E. 156.96 m. to point 88; N. 84° 58′ E. 22.44 m. to point 89; N. 41° 36′ E. 52.5 m. to point 90; N. 6° 45′ E. 59.07 m. to point 91; N. 41° 18′ E. 53.26 m. to point 92; N. 77° 11′ E. 68.57 m. to point 93; S. 83° 13′ E. 44.2 m. to point 94; N. 84° 15′ E.

87.26 m. to point 95; N. 64° 57′ E. 34.75 m. to point 1; point of beginning.

Containing 1,615,378 square meters.

Points 32, 33, 47, to 52, inclusive, are P. L. S./B. L. monuments; all other points are marked by stakes; points 18, 19, and 47, on bank of Rio del Pueblo; points 24 to 46, inclusive, on bank of Pangulusanen River; point 50, on bank of creek; points 52 to 94, inclusive, on bank of Amo River.

Bounded on northeast by Amo River; on southeast by Manila Bay; on southwest by Pangulusanen River; on northwest by sales application claimed by Eugenio Tanjoco, homesteads claimed by Julian Nuñez and Miguel Inaya, properties of Valentín Nuñez and Ramón Ferrer.

Bearings true. Variation, 1° 17′ E.

Surveyed, March 1 to May 25, 1911. Approved, August 1, 1911.

NOTE.—Contour interval 2 meters; datum for contours is approximate mean high-tide line.

All stations of primary and secondary traverse are marked by permanent concrete stakes, 15 x 15 x 60 cm. with beveled edges, with station numbers cast in top and are centered by nails.

Boundary monuments are concrete 25 x 25 x 75 cm.

P. L. S./B. L. monuments are concrete 20 x 20 x 75 cm. and 15 x 15 x 60 cm.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with section thirty-eight, Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, known as the Public Land Act, the Commission hereby approves the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior and reserves as a town site the land included in the aforesaid boundaries as shown on said plan, and that the land so described may be hereafter disposed of only as provided in Chapter V of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six.

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of Lands for his action in accordance with section sixty-two and Chapter V of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six.

October 2, 1911. Introduced by Commissioner Worcester and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

No. 219. Report of the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 259, appropriating ₱12,000 for the Moro Province Fair. February 21, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 220. Report of the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 260, making appropriations for sundry additional ex-

penses of the Government of the Moro Province for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

April 7, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 221. Report of the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 261, amending Act No. 42 of the legislative council providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax on land.

April 7, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 222. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 262, creating the office of engineer of the Moro Province.

June 17, 1911. Submitted and recommitted. (See No. 226.)

No. 223. Report of the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 263, providing for the employment of a prosecuting attorney for the Moro Province.

June 17, 1911. Submitted and recommitted. (See No. 227.)

No. 224. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 265, providing for the regulation of the public use of the Iligan–Lake Lanao Road.

June 17, 1911. Submitted and recommitted. (See No. 227–½.)

No. 225. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 266, providing a new assessment of land for taxation in the Moro Province.

June 17, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 226. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 262, creating the office of engineer of the Moro Province.

July 20, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 227. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending annulment of act of the legislative council No. 263, providing for the employment of a prosecuting attorney for the Moro Province.

July 20, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 227½. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 265, providing for the regulation of the public use of the Iligan–Lake Lanao Road, with amendment.

July 25, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 228. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 267, providing a system of industrial trading stations in the Moro Province.

July 25, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 229. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 268, amending in certain respects Act No. 142 providing for the organization and procedure of tribal-ward courts.

July 25, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 230. Report of the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 269, making appropriation for sundry expenses of the government of the Moro Province for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, with amendment.

July 25, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 231. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 270, making appropriations for sundry additional expenses of the government of the Moro Province for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912.

July 25, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 232. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, recommending approval of act of the legislative council No. 271, appropriating ₱512,042.50 for permanent improvements.

August 7, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 233. Report of Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, recommending adoption of Resolution No. 71, providing for a justice of the peace for the barrio of Sisiman, Mariveles, Bataan.

September 15, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 234. Report of Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice on Commission Bill No. 103, the Cadastral Act for the Moro Province, Mountain Province, Nueva Vizcaya, and Agusan, recommending passage with amendment.

September 15, 1911. Submitted and adopted.

No. 235. Report of Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, on resolution of the legislative council requesting that Act No. 2072 be repealed, recommending that it be laid on the table.

September 26, 1911. Submitted and consideration postponed.

November 9, 1911. Adopted.

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE MORO PROVINCE.

No. 259. An act appropriating a sum not exceeding twelve thousand pesos in aid and encouragement of the Moro Province Fair.

February 4, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

February 21, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and approved by the Commission.

No. 260. An act making appropriation for sundry additional expenses of the government of the Moro Province, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

February 28, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

April 7, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and approved by the Commission.

No. 261. An act to amend Act Numbered Forty-two of the legislative council, entitled "An Act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax on land."

March 2, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

April 7, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and approved by the Commission.

No. 262. An act creating the office of engineer of the Moro Province, providing compensation, and defining the powers and duties thereof.

April 20, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

June 17, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and recommitted for further consideration of the question of the authority of the legislative council to enact same.

July 20, 1911. Reported favorably and approved by the Commission.

No. 263. An act to provide for the employment of a prosecuting attorney for the Moro Province.

April 20, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

June 17, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and recommitted for further consideration of the question of the authority of the legislative council to enact same.

July 20, 1911. Reported unfavorably and annulled by the Commission. (See Act of the Commission No. 2073.)

No. 264. An act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder; declaring certain offenses connected therewith misdemeanors, and prescribing punishment therefor.

(See *ante*, pp. 119, 120.)

No. 265. An act to provide for the regulation of the public use of the Iligan–Lake Lanao Road.

May 6, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

June 17, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and recommitted for further consideration of the penalty imposed for violations of the regulations to be promulgated by the governor of the Moro province, the maximum appearing to be very much in excess of that provided by Act No. 1959 for violations of similar regulations which the Governor-General is authorized to make for the Benguet Road.

July 25, 1911. Reported with amendment and approved by the Commission with the following amendment:

Strike out the second paragraph of section 1 and substitute the following in lieu thereof: "Any person who shall infringe or fail to comply with any of said regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding fifty pesos and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned one day for each peso of such fine."

No. 266. An act to provide a new assessment of land for taxation in the Moro Province, and to amend in certain respects Act Numbered Forty-two of the legislative council, entitled "An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of an ad valorem tax on land."

May 17, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

June 17, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, and approved by the Commission.

No. *267.* An act to provide a system of industrial trading stations in the Moro Province for the use, benefit, and development of the Moro and other non-Christian tribes thereof.

June 8, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

July 25, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, and approved by the Commission.

No. 268. An act to amend in certain respects Act Numbered One hundred and forty-two of the legislative council, entitled "An act providing for the organization and procedure of tribal ward courts."

June 8, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

July 25, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, and approved by the Commission.

No. 269. An act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the government of the Moro Province, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve.

June 9, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

July 25, 1911. Reported with amendment by Committee on

Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, and approved by the Commission with the following amendment:

Strike out the following:

"SEC. 2. The legislative council of the Moro Province, may, by resolution, transfer any part of any unexpended portion of any sum herein appropriated under any subdivision, of any section hereof to any other subdivision, and thereafter such sum so transferred shall be available for expenditure under such latter subdivision in like manner as if originally appropriated therefor."

No. 270. An act making appropriations for sundry additional expenses of the government of the Moro Province, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

June 29, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

July 25, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province and approved by the Commission.

No. 271. An act appropriating the sum of five hundred and twelve thousand and forty-two pesos and fifty centavos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for certain public works, permanent improvements, and other purposes of the government of the Moro Province.

July 21, 1911. Passed by the legislative council.

August 7, 1911. Reported favorably by the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to the Moro Province, and approved by the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS.

[Excerpt from the executive minutes of the Commission of February 20, 1911.]

RESIGNATION OF W. H. DONOVAN, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION.

The President announced that he was in receipt, by cable, of the resignation of Mr. William H. Donovan, Secretary of the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Araneta, seconded by Commissioner Elliott,

The resignation of Mr. William H. Donovan as Secretary of the Commission was accepted with regret.

[Excerpt from the executive minutes of the Commission of March 4, 1911.]

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

At the direction of the President, the Secretary then read the following communication from the Governor-General:

MANILA, *March 4, 1911.*

GENTLEMEN: Pursuant to telegram from the Secretary of War dated February 19, 1911, and in accordance with the provisions

of section 2 of Act No. 1792, I hereby express my concurrence in the appointment by the Secretary of War of William H. Phipps as Auditor for the Philippine Islands, vice William H. Clarke, resigned, and submit the same to the Philippine Commission for its approval in accordance with law.

Very respectfully, W. CAMERON FORBES,
Governor-General.

To the PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Thereupon, on motion by Commissioner Araneta, it was

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety-two, the appointment by the Secretary of War of William H. Phipps to be Auditor for the Philippine Islands be, and is hereby, approved.

[Excerpt from the executive minutes of the Commission of October 2, 1911.]

DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CADETSHIP AT WEST POINT.

The Commission then took up the matter of the designation of candidates for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point with the class to enter in 1912; pursuant to the provisions of Act of Congress of the United States of May 28, 1908, having before it the result of a competitive examination held for that purpose by the Bureau of Civil Service on August 11 and 12, 1911.

It appearing that Luis Salvosa and Rafael L. Garcia had obtained the highest ratings in said examination it was

Resolved, That Luis Salvosa and Rafael L. Garcia are hereby designated as candidates, the former as principal and the latter as alternate, for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point with the class entering in 1912; pursuant to the provisions of Act of Congress of the United States of May 28, 1908.

[Excerpt from the executive minutes of the Commission of November 9, 1911.]

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL STUDENT TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Secretary then submitted for approval by the Commission, in accordance with section 1 of Act No. 854, the appointment by the Governor-General of Ambrosio Torres

as a special student at large to pursue a course in mechanical engineering in the United States at the expense of the Philippine Government, said appointment to be effective for two years unless sooner revoked.

On motion by Commissioner Branagan, seconded by Commissioner Elliott,

The foregoing appointment was approved by the Commission.

CONFIRMATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

February 4, 1911, to February 6, 1912.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1911.

Julius Katterfield to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of January 4, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

M. Bautista to be third lieutenant and chief of lighthouse keepers, lighthouse division, Bureau of Navigation; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Gaudencio Sibug to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sexmoan, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Lorenzo Regala, appointed justice of the peace of Floridablanca, Pampanga; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

José Flores to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Maribojoc, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Jacinto Valles, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Santiago Villafuerte to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabusao, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Primo Quetulio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Miguel, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Andres Bitanga, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Gumersindo Flores to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Butuan, Province of Agusan, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Filomeno B. Cassión, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Martin Marasigan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cuenca, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice

Ancelmo Patag y Marasigan, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

José M. Villanueva to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Virac, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, vice Eustaquio Joson, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Juan Mata Agcaoili to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dingras, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Flaviano Candido Foz, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Bonifacio Barquez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Loboc, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Desiderio Berjay, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Aniceto de Luna to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Pasuquin, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Juan Aguda, 2.°, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Samuel Ramos to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of La Carlota, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Geminiano M. Montinola, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Hermogenes Borja to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Lorenzo Vergel de Dios, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Mariano Servando to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Victorias, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Lazaro Javellana, appointed justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Clemente Lopez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Mangaldan, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Zacarias Jimenèz, appointed justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Julian de Jesus to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Montalban, Province of Rizal, Fifth Judicial District, vice Roberto Angeles, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Dalmacio Barraca to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Nabas, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial Dis-

trict, vice Roberto Flores, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Pedro Descallar to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Maribojoc, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Timoteo Forenas, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Leopoldo Alerta to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Sara, Province of Iloilo, Ninth Judicial District, vice Juan Capalla, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Felix Ramirez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Enrique Reyes, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Leonardo Villaseñor to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabusao, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Agustin Mendoza to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Rosa, Province of Nueva Ecija, Fourth Judicial District, vice Felipe Tantingco, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Alfonso Miraflores to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Ibajay, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Catalino Solidum, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Claudio Ramirez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Dimiao, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Catalino Sale, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Facundo Calipusan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Loboc, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Desiderio Berjay, appointed justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Arcadio Pader to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisayan, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Castor Marte, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

George Michael Jerome McNulty to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, to be effective as of December 9, 1910, instead of December 12, 1910, as submitted and confirmed on December 19, 1910; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1911.

William O. Reed, first lieutenant, Sixth Cavalry, United States Army, to be Secretary of the Moro Province, the appointment to be effective on March 1, 1911, vice John T. Nance, captain, Second Cavalry, United States Army, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1283 and 1673.

Mariano H. de Joya to be fiscal for the provinces of Misamis, Surigao, and Agusan—the appointment to be effective as of January 18, 1911—vice José de la Rama, appointed provincial fiscal of Leyte; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1701, as amended, and Executive Order No. 47, series of 1907.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1911.

José C. Abreu to be judge of the Court of First Instance for the Sixteenth Judicial District, the appointment to be effective on July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 867 and 2038.

Espiritu Torralva to be third member of the provincial board of the Province of Agusan, vice Andres Atega, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of Act No. 1693.

Mills Dean to be Assistant Purchasing Agent, vice Gus Johnson, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1407.

W. H. Booram to be assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Fred Vollstadt to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of March 30, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Perry C. Bumgardner to be chief engineer with relative rank of first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of February 11, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Ralph G. Ludwig to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of February 11, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

William A. Hogan to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of March 14, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

John Murphy to be passed assistant engineer, with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of February 23, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Henry M. Wagner to be the second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of March 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

George W. Penseyres to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Naviga-

tion, the appointment to be effective as of March 14, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Ernest Hieber to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of February 25, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Francisco Chaves to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sagay, province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Silvestre Dagaraga, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

José Hemedes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabuyao, province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice José Batallones, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Captain William H. Shutan, Philippine Constabulary, to be justice of the peace for Tawi-Tawi, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial District, vice Capt. G. O. Fort, P. C., transferred; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450 and 1627.

Lieutenant Henry A. Hutchings, Philippine Constabulary, to be justice of the peace for the township of San José, Province of Mindoro, Seventh Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Juan Astraquillo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santiago, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Marcelino Siping, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Cecilio M. Madjus to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dimiao, Province of Bohol, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Juliano Magdales, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Irineo Confesor to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabanatuan, Province of Iloilo, Ninth Judicial District, vice Ruperto Morales, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Mariano Delfino to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabuyao, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Aniceto Santos, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Eustaquio Adeva to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Iligan, Moro Province, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Mariano Fuentecilla, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450, and 1627.

Alfonso Camilon to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Oquendo, province of Samar, Twelfth Judicial District, vice Ponciano Mancol, appointed Justice of the Peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Luis Salvación to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Pascual, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Pedro P. Ponte, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Pedro de Jesus to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Milagros, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Lazaro Medina, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Pio Yñota to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Calbayog, Province of Samar, Twelfth Judicial District, vice Basilio Rosales, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Vicente Aggabao to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District, vice Domingo Francisco, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

José Martinez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Cauayan, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District, vice Vicente Agudo, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Santiago Dominguez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Gamu, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District, vice Manuel Martinez, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Eugenio Bullungan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Tagle, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District, vice José Janio, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1911.

Gordon Fairchild to be assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum, the appointment to be effective as of March 25, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1911.

Vicente Lomo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Pedro Tunasan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Tiburcio Morando, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Mauro Ledesma to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Binalbagan, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Patricio Gayacao, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Doctor Gilbert I. Cullen to be district health officer for the Province of Samar at a salary of ₱4,000 per annum, being a promotion from ₱3,000 per annum, effective January 27, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1487 and 1989.

Manuel Regera to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of May 3, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

N. C. Olsen to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of June 7, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Henry J. Kessler to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of January 12, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Herman Helland to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of April 8, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Alvaro Rodriguez to be passed assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of April 8, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

George A. Griffin to be assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of April 22, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Frederick John Holtje to be assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of April 22, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Herman Rorquist to be assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of April 22, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Lieutenant Edwin N. McClelan, United States Marine Corps, to be justice of the peace for the United States naval reservation of Olongapo, Zambales, Third Judicial District, vice Lieutenant Maurice E. Shearer, United States Marine Corps, relieved, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627, and of Resolution No. 32 of the Philippine Commission, adopted July 23, 1910.

Captain E. G. Bingham, Medical Corps, United States Army, to be justice of the peace of Malabang, Moro Province, vice Juan Anton, not qualified, pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450 and 1627.

Lieutenant Joseph Russ, Philippine Scouts, to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Davao, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial

District, vice Feliciano Iñigo, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450 and 1627.

Isabelo Venturanza to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lubang, Province of Mindoro, Seventh Judicial District, vice Dionisio Ordaz, removed, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Gerino Alvarez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Marcelino, Province of Zambales, Third Judicial District, vice Juan Rodriguez, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Andrés Ilagan to be justice of the peace for the township of Naujan, Province of Mindoro, Seventh Judicial District, vice Ambrosio Clanor, removed, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

José Perez to be justice of the peace of San Fernando, Capiz, vice Gregorio Cometa, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Benito Montellana to be justice of the peace of Oras, Samar, vice Luis Sobremonte, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Ariston Ramos to be justice of the peace of Gandara, Samar, vice Lazaro Cinco, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Isabelo Santa Juana to be justice of the peace for the new municipality of Tinambacan, Province of Samar, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Bonifacio Caddarao to be justice of the peace of the municipality of Calayan, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Ruperto Gutierrez, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Jucio Cruz to be justice of the peace of the municipality of Santo Niño, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Eustaquio Pasquin, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Lieutenant Vernon L. Whitney, Philippine Constabulary, to be justice of the peace of Tawi-tawi, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial District, vice Captain William H. Shutan, transferred, pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450, and 1627.

Maximo Tumbali to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the municipality of Enrile, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Eugenio Gacutan, appointed justice of the peace, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Atilano Trinidad to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the munic-

ipality of Gaggao, province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Gerardo Siazon, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Cecilio Zagaydoro to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the municipality of Tuao, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Julian Punciano, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Pablo Reynaldo to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the municipality of Panitan, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Ildefonso Dellota, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Teodulo Fabreo to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Odiongan, Capiz, vice Cipriano Mayor, who declined the appointment, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Anacleto Mercado to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Tiwi, Albay, vice Juan Diego Mata, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Andres Marquez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the new municipality of Tinambacan, Province of Samar, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Castolo Buesa to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Milaor, Ambos Camarines, vice Gil Flordelis, appointed justice of the peace of San Fernando, said province, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Pablo Triunfante to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the municipality of Santo Niño, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, vice Adriano Beltran, removed, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Abdon Roca to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Prieto-Diaz, Sorsogon, vice Faustino Ayson, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Procopio Fajardo to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Gubat, Sorsogon, vice Bonifacio L. Adao, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Emiliano Pantaleon to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Laoang, Samar, vice Cirilo Sacristan, who declined the appointment, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Hilarion Agos to be auxiliary justice of the peace of Santa Rita, Samar, vice Antonino Bernal, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Simon Samaniego to be auxiliary justice of the peace of the municipality of Nasugbu, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial

District, vice Lucas V. Advincula, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Luis Roldan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Buenavista, Province of Iloilo, vice Vicente Villalobos, removed, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

Agusto Amurao to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Alitagtag, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Cipriano Manalo, resigned, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450 and 1627.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1911.

Simplicio del Rosario to be judge of the Court of First Instance for the District of Manila, vice Estanislao Yusay, deceased; the appointment to be effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 396.

Francisco Santa Maria to be judge of the Court of First Instance, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice José C. Abreu, appointed judge of the Court of First Instance for the Sixteenth Judicial District; effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of Act No. 396.

W. H. Booram to be fourth assistant prosecuting attorney for the city of Manila, effective on the day he assumes the duties of the office, at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum, vice James R. Mallott, nominated assistant attorney for the Moro Province; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 183 as amended by Act No. 267.

Gordon Fairchild to be assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, effective upon the date of transfer of his predecessor, at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum, vice W. H. Booram, nominated fourth assistant prosecuting attorney for the city of Manila, pursuant to the provsions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

(NOTE.—The nomination of Mr. Fairchild as assistant attorney in the Bureau of Justice at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum was confirmed by the Commission on April 11, 1911, but the appointment could not then be made, as there was not at that time a vacancy in the Bureau of Justice, and he has thus far been carried as a temporary employee.)

Ramón Valdez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Vicente Llanes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the

provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Julio Adiarte to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Rafael Monserrat to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Guillermo F. Pablo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales, Third Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Juan T. Lucero to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Fernando, Province of La Union, Mountain Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Teofilo Carpio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Luis W. Dison to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Crisanto de la Fuente to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Isidro, Province of Nueva Ecija, Fourth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Silvino de Guzman to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Isidro, Province of Nueva Ecija, Fourth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Conrado R. Guekoh to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Ramón de Leon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Malolos, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, at a salary

of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Eugenio Paguia to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Malolos, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Ambrosio Flores to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pasig, Province of Rizal, Fifth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Florencio Manalo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Cruz, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Felipe Ongkico to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Cruz, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Francisco la Lalana to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cavite, Province of Cavite, Sixth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Pablo Tecson to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Balanga, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Perpetuo de Joya Admana to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Pedro Laygo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Albert E. Somersille to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Albay, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Fernando Alvarez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Nueva Caceres, Province of Ambos Camarines,

Eighth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

José Lopez Liso to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bacolod, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Ramón Masa to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San José, Province of Antique, Tenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Mateo Villaverte to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique, Tenth Judicial District, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Margarito Pongos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, Twelfth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Clodualdo Lucero to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar, Twelfth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Feliz Calleja to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cagayan, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Eusebio Tionko to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Surigao, Province of Surigao, Thirteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Tomas Sison to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Capiz, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Federico Olbes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1911, pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1911.

Alberto Barretto to be judge of the Court of First Instance for the Fifth Judicial District, vice Simplicio del Rosario, appointed Judge of the Court of First Instance for the city of Manila; pursuant to the provisions of section 48 of Act No. 136 and Act No. 1989.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1911.

Ignacio Villamor to be member of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines for the term of office expiring five years after October 11, 1909, vice Murray Bartlett, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of Act No. 1870, as amended by Act No. 2024.

Diego Gloria as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice. Promotion from a salary of ₱5,000 per annum to that of ₱5,500 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Juan Medina as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱4,500 per annum to that of ₱5,000 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Fisher H. Nesmith as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱4,500 per annum to that of ₱5,000 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Felicisimo Feria as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱4,000 per annum to that of ₱4,500 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Carlos A. Imperial as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱4,000 per annum to that of ₱4,500 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Luis P. Torres as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱3,600 per annum to that of ₱4,000 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Antonio Villa-Real as assistant attorney, Bureau of Justice, promotion from a salary of ₱3,600 per annum to that of ₱4,000 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

George W. Penseyres to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of June 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

John Murphy to be chief engineer with relative rank of first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of June 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Mortimer B. Owens to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Pedro Sindico to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tagbilaran, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, vice Esteban Lumain, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

José O. Eleazar to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mauban, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Bonifacio Villanueva, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Francisco B. Peña to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Guinobatan, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, vice Ceferino M. Villareal, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Fernando Leyco to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Gasan, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Mariano Rodriguez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Romualdo Floresca to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, vice Gabriel Maramag, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Emilio D. Campomanes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Atimonan, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Bernardino Enriquez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Captain Edward Dworak, Philippine Scouts, to be justice of the peace for Siasi, Sulu District, vice Captain H. H. Elarth, Philippine Constabulary, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164 and 1283.

Venancio Racelis to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lucban, province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Marcelo Rada, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Vicente Reyes Cuartero to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tayabas, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice José V. Martinez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Santiago Mendoza to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the township of Calapan, Province of Mindoro, Seventh Judicial District, vice Crispulo Martinez, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Cancellation of Appointment.

Julio Adiarte as auxiliary justice of the peace of Laoag, Ilocos Norte, confirmed by the Commission on June 23, 1911, he being an inspector of election of said municipality, and, therefore, under the provisions of Act No. 2045, ineligible to hold said office.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1911.

Pruden W. Bond to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of July 11, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1911.

Federico Unson to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lucena, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, vice Alfredo J. Villaseñor, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Santos Lopez y Luz to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Juan de Bocboc, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District; pursuant to provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Ramón Querubin to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,800 per annum, vice Lupo Azurin, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Francisco Basco to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Maximino Quintos, deceased; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Domingo D. Bailon to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Francisco Basco, nominated justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1911.

Higinio Benitez to be judge of the Court of First Instance at large, effective October 1, 1911, vice Francisco Santa Maria, appointed judge of the Court of First Instance for the Fifteenth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Act No. 396, and section 1 of Act No. 1989.

Norberto Romualdez to be associate judge of the Court of Land Registration, effective October 1, 1911, at a salary of ₱8,000 per annum, vice Higinio Benitez, nominated judge of the Court of First Instance at large; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 496, as amended by Act No. 1875.

Florentino Ampil to be district health officer for the Province of Agusan, at a salary of ₱3,200 per annum, effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1487 and 2069.

Martin Marasigan to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Cuenca and Alitagtag, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Cipriano B. Sarmiento to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of San José and Ibaan, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Francisco Gomez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Loboo, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Celestino Gutierrez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Guillermo Eleazar to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Lucena, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Tomas A. Remigio, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1911.

Simon Samaniego to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Nasugbú, Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Marcelo Ermita, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Antonio E. Argosino to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lopez, Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Mariano L. Barrameda, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1911.

Vicente Morente to be treasurer for the Province of Antique, vice Sinforoso San Pedro, transferred; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

Fred L. Wilson to be treasurer for the Moro Province, vice Richard M. Corwine, deceased; pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1283 and 1673.

William W. Barclay to be treasurer for the Province of Iloilo, vice Fred L. Wilson, nominated treasurer for the Moro Province; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

William O. Kaminer to be treasurer for the Province of Pampanga, vice William W. Barclay, nominated treasurer for the Province of Iloilo; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

Clarence McDonald to be treasurer for the Province of Rizal, vice William O. Kaminer, nominated treasurer for the Province of Pampanga; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

Leonard G. Dawson to be treasurer for the Province of Tayabas, vice James B. Green, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

William M. Gracey to be treasurer for the Province of Samar, vice Leonard G. Dawson, nominated treasurer for the Province of Tayabas; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

George P. Banner to be treasurer for the Province of Bulacan, vice Charles G. Stark, transferred to provincial treasury service, unassigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

Edwin B. Keesey to be treasurer for the Province of Cagayan, vice George P. Banner, nominated treasurer for the Province of Bulacan; pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of Act No. 83, and section 1 of Act No. 1581, as amended by Act No. 1716.

Alfred V. Dalrymple to be supervisor-treasurer for the Province of Mindoro at a salary of ₱2,800 per annum, the appointment to be effective on September 1, 1911, vice Lieutenant William O. Smith, United States Army, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Act No. 1396.

Louis C. Drewson to be captain, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of June 13, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

John F. Cogan to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of August 7, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Eustasio Maloles to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Tanauan and Santo Tomas, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,080 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Ildefonso Doronila to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Dumangas and Barotac Nuevo, Province of Iloilo, Ninth Judicial

District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Trinidad to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisay, Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Meliton Salvador, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

José Olgado to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Romblon, Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Bonifacio Madrilejos, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Raymundo Balinos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tiaon, Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Eulalio G. Recto, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Alejandro Fojas to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Cruz de Malabon, Cavite, Sixth Judicial District, the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found, vice Pedro Montano removed; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Francisco Dagaraga to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Sagay, Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found, vice Juan C. Bonichita, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 7 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

José Evangelista to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo, Ninth Judicial District, vice Mariano Zaldarriaga, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Alberto Reyes to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Luis Tongson, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

Filomeno Acopiado to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Baliangao, Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found—vice Vicente E. Torres, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 7 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1911.

Francisco Lopez as temporary district health officer at a salary of ₱2,400 per annum, promotion from a salary of ₱2,000 per annum, effective as of September 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1487 and 1989.

Elias P. Kitt to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 9, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

Frank W. Lacy to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 9, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

John B. Bell to be justice of the peace for the barrio of Sisiman, Mariveles, Bataan, Sixth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041, and of Resolution No. 71 of the Philippine Commission, adopted September 15, 1911.

Lieutenant George M. Peek, Coast Artillery Corps, to be justice of the peace for the Artillery District of Subic Bay, comprising Chiquita and Grande Islands, municipality of Olongapo, Zambales, Third Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041, and of Resolution No. 70 of the Philippine Commission, adopted on September 15, 1911.

Benito Africa to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Lipa and Rosario, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,170 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Enrico Malabanan to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Taal and Lemery, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,170 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Emiliano Encarnación to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Calaca, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Petronilo Macatangay, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Emiliano Gala to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Candelaria and Sariaya, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Escolastico Salandanan to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Boac and Mogpog, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Alejandro Sanchez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tayasan, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Clemente Fabruada, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Lupo Picasales to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Hinatuan, Province of Surigao, Thirteenth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Modesto Roura, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Eutiquio Daomilas to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Misamis, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Tiburcio K. Soriano, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Basilio Binaoro to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Langaran, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Hilarion J. Leopoldo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Gaudioso S. Valdehuesa to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Anastacio N. Abejo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Federico Bazan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Camilo Raagas, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Nicolas Morales Pelaez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisayan, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Benigno Pelaez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Martin Cauilan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Mauanan, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Joaquin Sanchez, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450.

Mariano Canillas to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Alcala, Province of Cagayan, First Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Antonio Catral, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

José Muños to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Tanjay, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a qualified person can be found who is willing to accept the office—vice Cayetano Agir, deceased; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Simeon Salak to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Pedro García Lampa, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Corporal Bert W. Durkee, Ninety-fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the barrio of San José, Corregidor Island, municipality of Cavite, Province of Cavite, Sixth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041, and

of Resolution No. 67 of the Philippine Commission, series of Second Legislature.

Juan Bengson to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Gregorio Friala, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Acts Nos. 1450, 1627, and 2041.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1911.

Paul C. Grening to be captain, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 12, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

Herman Rorquist to be chief engineer with relative rank of first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 9, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

Henry Curtis to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 9, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1911.

Jeremiah J. Harty to be member of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines, effective as of October 11, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of Act No. 1870, as amended by Act No. 2024.

Asterio Favis to be fiscal for the Mountain Province and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya; pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Act No. 1396 and Executive Order No. 40, series of 1911.

Marcos E. Bonifacio to be assistant engineer with relative rank of third lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 19, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

Pedro Fuentes y Grospe to be assistant engineer with relative rank of third lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of September 19, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1980.

Isidro Madlangbayan to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Balayan and Tuy, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Agustin Soledad to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Guijulngan, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Macario F. Villalon, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Nicolas M. Virey to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Juan de Bocboc, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Arsinio de Guzman, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1911.

Esteban Lumain to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Guindulman, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Francisco D. Dinsay, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Ramon M. Leuterio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Cruz, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Gregorio Martinez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Eufracio Bayot to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mambusao, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Francisco Villareal, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Matias Abogadie to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dao, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Leonardo Lumbo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Ramon Contreras to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pilar, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Martin Ledesma, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Ricardo Alovera to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dumarao, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice José Arancillo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

José M. Recio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sigma, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Juan Tolentino, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Rogaciano R. Rimon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Malinao, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Teodoro Pioquinto, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Juan Advincula to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dumalag, Province of Capiz, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Angel Advincula, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1911.

Thomas Cary Welch to be Assistant Executive Secretary at a salary of ₱12,000 per annum, promotion from a salary of ₱10,000 per annum, effective as of October 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

John B. Bennett to be colonel and Assistant Director of Constabulary, effective as of September 23, 1911, vice Herman Hall, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1407 and 1989.

Eulogio P. Revilla to be fifth assistant prosecuting attorney for the city of Manila; pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of Act No. 183, as amended by Act No. 267, and of the appropriation for the city of Manila for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, approved by the Governor-General on September 30, 1911.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1911.

Miguel Borja to be assistant engineer with relative rank of third lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, effective as of September 29, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Marcelo Rada to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Infanta, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Tomas Ramirez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Eugenio D. Estanislao to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dinalupihan, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Roman Salvador, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Antonino de la Cruz to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Exequiel Robles, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Pedro Yaneza to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Esteban Gonzales, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Nicanor Logroño to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Carmen, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Lino Toribio, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Mariano Macatañgay to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mulanay, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Pedro Morales, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Protasio Clarin to be justice of the peace for the municipality

of Sevilla, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Florencio Guatno, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Severino Gala to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dolores, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Marcial Mitra, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Amador G. Miñoza to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Januario Lanzaderas, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Sabino Lofranco to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tubigon, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Macario Lumain, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Januario Lanzaderas to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Antequera, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Pedro Omila, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Andres Melicor to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Inabanga, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Buenaventura Torrefranca, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Florentino Evalla to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Calabanga, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Joaquin P. Cardema, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Moises C. Baluyot to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Abucay, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Santos Delfin, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Federico Pineda to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dumaguete, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,200 per annum, vice José Saavedra, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Jesus V. Lagdameo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Guinayangan, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Anastacio Paglinawan, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Zoilo Trinidad to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Initao, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Victor Gaa, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Manuel Savido to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Tinambac, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Francisco Tordilla, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Pedro Lardizabal to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Boac, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Agapito Martinez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Roman Calalo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of San José and Ibaan, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Justo Kamus to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Lipa and Rosario, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Porfirio Rivera to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Orion, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Felipe Verzosa Reyes, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1911.

Louis M. Jensen to be captain, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of October 11, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1911.

Frederic W. Taylor to be Director of Agriculture, with compensation at the rate of ₱12,000 per annum—appointment effective as of October 1, 1911—vice George E. Nesom, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1407 and the order of the Governor-General of this date, consolidating the offices of Director of Agriculture, superintendent of agricultural extension work, and clerk, class 10, all of the Bureau of Agriculture, and creating therefrom the position of Director of Agriculture, at a salary of ₱12,000 per annum.

José Moreno Lacalle to be assistant city attorney for the city of Manila, vice Norberto Romualdez, appointed associate judge of the Court of Land Registration; pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of Act No. 183, as amended by Act No. 267.

George A. Griffin to be chief engineer with relative rank of first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective

as of October 8, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Andres Villanueva to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Noveleta, Province of Cavite, Sixth Judicial District—appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the office can be found—vice Andrés Ner, deceased; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136 and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1911.

Benito Africa to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Lipa and Rosario, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,260 per annum, the appointment to be effective as of September 25, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041. The nomination of said Benito Africa to the said position confirmed by the Philippine Commission on September 15, 1911, is hereby revoked.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1911.

Edward H. Walker to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the United States naval reservation, Olongapo, Zambales, Third Judicial District, vice Gabriel Alba, not qualified; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, section 5 of Act No. 1450 as amended by Act No. 2041, and of Resolution No. 32 of the Philippine Commission, adopted July 23, 1910.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1911.

Bienvenido Lopez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Polillo, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Mena Herrera, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1911.

Ramon Rubio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pagbilao, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Hermenegildo Modesto, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1911.

Prudencio Banzon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Mariano Saldaña, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1911.

Abundio David to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Calauan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Felipe Mondragon, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1911.

Mariano Andes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Rapu-Rapu, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, vice Gregorio Conradez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1911.

Domingo Vital to be assistant engineer with relative rank of third lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of November 3, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Juan Rosales to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tayabas, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Vicente Reyes Cuartero, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1911.

Miles A. Sweeney to be second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of October 27, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1911.

Silverio Baltazar to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Felipe Neri, Province of Rizal, Fifth Judicial District, vice Tomas A. José, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

Doroteo I. Medina to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Catanauan, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Francisco de Guzman, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Alberto Aquino to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Balanga, Province of Bataan, Sixth Judicial District, vice Gregorio Paguio, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1911.

Adriano Pajarillo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Vicente, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Graciano Marce, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Getulio Vitasa to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Majayjay, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Florencio Trinidad, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Marcos Badiola to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lilio, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Perfecto Dimaguila, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Gregorio T. Abella to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pagsanjan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Francisco Zafra, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

Gregorio Ortañez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Magdalena, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Angel Purisima, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1911.

Justo Lozada to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Carcar, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Leocadio Barcenilla, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, as amended by Act No. 2041.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1911.

Pastor Solis to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Balayan and Tuy, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found; pursuant to the provisions of section 67 of Act No. 136, and section 5 of Act No. 1450, as amended by Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1911.

Dalmacio Tiamzon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Lorenzo Regala, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Jacinto Genuino to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Santiago Cordero, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Francisco Siopongco to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial district, vice Isidoro Castro, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pablo Angeles David to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Rita, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Luciano Dicuanco, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José R. Quiazon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Magalan, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Juan Feliciano, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Augusto Gonzales to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Macabebe and Masantol, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Joaquin Cordero to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Filomeno Leon y Santos, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Domingo Singson to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lapog, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Melchor Padua, nominated justice of the peace of Cabugao, Ilocos Sur; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gaudencio Veracruz to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sinait, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Juan Diaz, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Silverio Foronda to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Pedro Guerzon, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Blás Espiritú to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Esteban, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Eulogio Mendoza, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro Cariño to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Luis Gamisera, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gabriel Oliver to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dolores, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Fruto Oliver, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Melchor Padua to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabugao, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice

Gregorio N. Sison, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Esteban Guerzon to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Pedro Florendo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1911.

José Palacio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bilar, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Pedro Maceren, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Juan Tañada to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Alabat, Province of Tayabas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Emilio Sanchez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1911.

Juan Josue to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Cruz, Province of Ilocos Sur, Second Judicial District, vice Gregorio Mati, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1911.

Manuel Rivera y Neri to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Balingasag, Province of Misamis, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Juan E. Valmores, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911.

Capt. Jeff D. Gallman, Philippine Constabulary, as lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Ifugao, Mountain Province, from a salary of ₱3,600 per annum, to that of ₱4,000 per annum, ₱1,600 thereof to be paid by the Mountain Province and ₱2,400 by the Bureau of Constabulary, the promotion to be effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of Act No. 1876, as amended by Act No. 2066, and Act No. 2069.

Walter F. Hale as lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Kalinga, Mountain Province, from a salary of ₱3,200 per annum, to that of ₱4,000 per annum, as provided by Act No. 2069, the promotion to be effective as of July 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of Act No. 1876, as amended by Act No. 2066.

Joseph F. Taulbee to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Jolo, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial District, vice Leopoldo C. Tiana, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450, and 1627.

Pedro Tevez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Bato, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice Eusebio Tejada, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1911.

Ricardo Perlas to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Santa Rosa and Cabuyao, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Simeon Garcia to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Calamba and Los Baños, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Lucido to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Nagcarlan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Feliciano Urra, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Alejandro Madrelejos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Siniloan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Florentino Redor, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Felipe Mondragon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pila, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Paulino Francia, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Teofilo Benitez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Lumban, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Marcelino M. Dimaano, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Teodorico Real to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Maria, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Leoncio Real, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro A. Sabio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Longos, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Epifanio Montes, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Julian Piñon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Paete, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Tomas Dandana, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Eliseo L. Magpantay to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Alaminos, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial Dis-

trict, vice Andrés C. Roxas, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Feliciano Gomez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Biñan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Lorenzo Gana, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Juan Rillo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Los Baños and Calamba, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Elias Poblete to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Mabitac, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Pedro Obordo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1911.

Frank L. White to be first lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of December 1, 1911; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1911.

Luis Occeña to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Remigio, Province of Antique, Tenth Judicial District, vice Casiano Orquia, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Teodosio Aviles to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Castilla, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Mariano Mapalad, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Eugenio Obsun to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Angel Camara, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Timoteo Gratuito to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Juban, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Esteban Nicolas, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Aguedo Arellano to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Donsol, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Dámaso Madrid, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Silvino Mercader to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Francisco Basco, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gelasio Laudit to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Magallanes, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice

Leon de Castro, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mamerto Halim to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Barcelona, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Eulalio Santa Clara, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Enrique Legaspi to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Masbate, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Joaquin Ma. Bayot y Dominguez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gregorio Lilio to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Fernando, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Jose Medina, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Francisco Altarejos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Jacinto, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Jose Moya, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Enrique Tabuena to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bacon, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice, Roman Barbudo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Teodoro de Castro to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Bulan, Province of Sorsogon, Fifteenth Judicial District, vice Mamerto Halim, nominated Justice of the Peace of Barcelona, Sorsogon; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Ramon Sanchez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Taal and Lemery, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1911.

Rufo Godinez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Remigio, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Valentin Dadula, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Roman Zafra to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Tranquilino Pagarigan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Jose Arevalo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Caramoan, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept

the appointment can be found—vice Quirico Alarcon, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Esteban Bercacio to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisay, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Albino Vanan, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1911.

Angel P. Ramirez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Caramoan, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Ursolino Ramirez, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1911.

Luis A. Cruz to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Famy, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Vicente Corpus, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Matias Sobritchea to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Luisiana, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District vice Engracio Pañalosa, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Melchor Macalalad to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Siruma, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Juan Chavez, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1911.

Manuel Alburo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Argao, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Antonio Miñosa, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Ramón Velez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Opon, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Aurelio M. Pareja, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Saavedra to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Zamboanguita, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Tiburcio Elumir, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1911.

Lorenzo Albarracin to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dalaguete, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Gregorio Bajarias, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Leocadio Barcenilla to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Sibonga, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Joaquin Ilustrisimo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Antonio San Diego to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Miguel Abad, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Moreno to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Tuburan, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice José A. Veloso, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Canuto Larrobis to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisay, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Luis Hermosa, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Carlos Tomaquin to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Malabuyoc, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Balbino Cingco, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Florencio Cabigon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Oslob, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Amansio Luna, who declined the appointment; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Tomás Estrada to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Badian, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Longino Belarmino, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Alonso to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Asturias, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Alejandro Lofranco, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Luciano Bacayo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mandaue, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Marceliano Echaves, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Francisco Rodriguez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Catmon, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Marcelo Semense, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Buenaventura Aballe to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Medellin, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Vicente Mansueto, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Ignacio Duterte to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Ginatilan, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Atanasio

Tocao, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Juan Veloso Avila to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Boljo-on, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Juan Villarreal, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Manuel Lopez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Hagonoy, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Ambrosio Santos, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gil Ramos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Quingua, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Higino de Jesus, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Manuel Marquez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Nicolas Cepillo Cruz, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mariano Velayo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Miguel, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District vice Dámaso Sempio, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Filiberto Gonzales Carrillo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Rafael, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Ambrosio Valero, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Melesio Maranan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Ildefonso, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Benigno Villacorta, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mariano Icasiano to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Calumpit, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Antonio Ramos y Francisco, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Honorio Briones to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Paombong, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Ambrosio Marasigan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Bonifacio Enriquez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Polo, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Manuel Marquez, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Sixto Aguirre to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Pulilan, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Perfecto Alto, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Gil Buendia to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Quingua, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Gil Ramos, nominated justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Severo Valenzuela to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Obando, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Gabriel Garcia, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Miguel Martin to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Hagonoy, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judical District, vice Marcelo Estrella, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Pulumbarit to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Calumpit, province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Donato Bayan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Felipe A. José to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Mariano Mendoza, appointed justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro Villarama to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Angat, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Sotero Mantilla, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Roque Guieb to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Pascual Mateo Mendoza, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Hilario Pabalan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of San Miguel, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Francisco Esguerra, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Felix Borlongan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Paombang, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Felix Cabazal, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1912.

Manuel Fortich to be lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Bukidnon, Province of Agusan, at a salary of ₱3,600 per annum—appointment to be effective on January 1, 1912—vice Frederic Lewis, transferred; pursuant to the provisions of Acts Nos. 1693 and 2069.

Norman G. Conner to be lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Apayao, Mountain Province, at a salary of ₱4,000 per annum, vice Blás Villamor, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1876, as amended by Act No. 2066, and Act No. 2069.

Nicolas Clarin to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Loay and Alburquerque, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Honorato L. Apalisok to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Dimiao and Valencia, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Miguel Parras to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Baclayon and Dauis, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱900 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Nicolás Torralba to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Maribojoc and Cortes, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Fructuoso Rodriguez to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Dumaguete, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Froilan Flores, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

Manuel de Yriarte to be member of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines for the term of office expiring five years after October 11, 1908, vice T. H. Pardo de Tavera, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1870, as amended by Act No. 2024.

Pedro Litonghua to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Garcia-Hernandez, Province of Bohol, Sixteenth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice Simeon Cuadra, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Manuel Treyes to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Talisay, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Rosendo Lacson, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Samuel F. Ramos to be justice of the peace for the municipality of La Carlota, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Angel Araneta, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mauro Ledesma to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Binalbagan, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Ulpiano Aurelio, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912.

Herbert D. Raymond to be supervisor for the Mountain Province, at a salary of ₱4,000 per annum—the appointment to be effective January 10, 1912—vice Samuel E. Kane, nominated lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Bontoc, Mountain Province; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1876, as amended by Act No. 2066, and Act No. 2069.

Samuel E. Kane to be lieutenant-governor for the subprovince of Bontoc, Mountain Province, at a salary of ₱4,000 per annum—the appointment to be effective on January 10, 1912—vice J. C. Early, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1876, as amended by Act No. 2066, and Act No. 2069.

Severino Goles to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice José Perez y Tagle, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Proceso Concepción to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Manapla, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice José Lacson, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Julio Adiarte to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Elias Pasión, removed; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1912.

Vicente D. Aragon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Murcia, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Eriberto Regalado, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Esteban Jallandoni to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Victorias, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Lazaro Javellana, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro Rosal to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Urdaneta, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Pablo Manzano, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1912.

Generoso D. Cuerpo to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan, Fifth Judicial District, vice Juan Bordador, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 11, 1912.

Mariano Florentino to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Urdaneta, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Hermenegildo Alonso, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Victorio Zafra Amor to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Pedro Quimson, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro Reynoso to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Alaminos, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Ildefonso Quimson, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Lino Jimenez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Mapandan, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Mariano Goba, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1912.

Lieutenant James Everington, United States Army, to be auxiliary justice of the peace for Malabang, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial District, vice Lieutenant William P. Screws, United States Army, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450, and 1627.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1912.

Gaspar Gerali to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Minglanilla, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Gregorio Basalo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pablo Arcusa to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Pedro Tunasan, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Antonino Guevara, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Marcelino A. Concha to be justice of the peace for Cotabato, Moro Province, Fourteenth Judicial District, vice Captain C. C. Heartt, Philippine Constabulary, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 27 of Act No. 787, as amended by Acts Nos. 1164, 1283, 1450, and 1627.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1912.

Lieutenant Reginald B. Cocroft, Coast Artillery Corps, to be justice of the peace for the Artillery District of Subic Bay, comprising Chiquita and Grande Islands, municipality of Olongapo, Province of Zambales, Third Judicial District—the appointment to be effective on January 19, 1912—vice Lieutenant George M. Peek,

Coast Artillery Corps, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041, and of resolution No. 70 of the Philippine Commission, adopted September 15, 1911.

Ramón Altura to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Kabankalan, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Rogaciano Albayda, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Crisostomo C. Javier to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Kulasi, Province of Antique, Tenth Judicial District, vice Fortunato Abiera, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1912.

Gregorio Aviles to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Urbiztondo, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Anastacio Austria, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Aureo Zaragoza to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Natividad, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Filomeno R. Eioferio, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pablo Narabal to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Isidro, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Romualdo Baraan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Rafael R. Muños to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Isidro Labrador, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Gregorio Estrada, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Andrés G. Estrada to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Anda, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Francisco Aquino, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pedro Braganza to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Balincaguin, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Agusin Braganza, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Leoncio Zarate to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bolinao, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Engracio Peña, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Policarpo S. Menor to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Malasique, Province of Pangasinan, Third Judicial District, vice Pedro Quintans, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Silvino Isla to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Moncada, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Lucio

Lising, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

José Villarta to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pura, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Zacarias Lazaro, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Prudencio Tañedo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Agaton Sibal, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Simeon Salak to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Victoria, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Juan Nepomuceno, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Hermogenes de la Cuesta to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Manuel, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Eustaquio Castañeda, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Teofilo Aguilar to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac, Fourth Judicial District, vice Melquiades Pagarigan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1912.

Juan Rapuson to be justice of the peace for the barrio of Batan, municipality of Rapu-Rapu, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice José Aguilar, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041, and of Resolution No. 50 of the Philippine Commission, adopted on November 22, 1910, as amended by Resolution No. 86, adopted on January 20, 1912.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1912.

Francis J. H. Mathenson to be passed assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of January 13, 1912; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Rafael G. Gonzales to be passed assistant engineer with relative rank of Second Lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of January 16, 1912; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Tomas Lao to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Borbon, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Ciriaco Distora, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Andres Filoteo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Imus, Province of Cavite, Sixth Judicial District, vice Constancio Topacio, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Porfirio C. Yap to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Aloguinsan, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Fermin Barellano, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mariano A. del Pilar to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu, Eleventh Judicial District, vice Gaudencio Arcenas, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Andres Fernandez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Carlos, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Tranquilino Bronce, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Marcelo Enriquez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Bacon, Province of Oriental Negros, Sixteenth Judicial District, vice Lorenzo Ausejo, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Bonifacio Rigonan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Dingras, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Juan de M. Agcaoili, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mariano Gorospe to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pasuquin, Province of Ilocos Norte, Second Judicial District, vice Calixto Luna, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Silverio Morco to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, vice Petronilo Samson, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912.

Macario Sapnu to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Santa Rita, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Pablo Angeles David, nominated auxiliary justice of the peace for Bacolor; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Pablo Angeles David to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga, Fourth Judicial District, vice Macario Sapnu, nominated justice of the peace of Santa Rita; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Anacleto Magtibay to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Bauan, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District, vice Limbanio Calderon y Bueno, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1912.

Maximo Eclar to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Baao, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Paulino Bernas, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Vicente Tagapan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of San Pablo, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice Angel Cammayó, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Clarencio A. Adolfo to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pili, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Felix M. Canuto, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Fructuoso Susara to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Basud, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Felix Q. Obusan, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Eutiquiano Almoneda to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Paracale, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Narciso Villar, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Hospicio Ochotorena to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Dapitan, Moro Province, Thirteenth Judicial District, vice Tomas Galleposo, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1627.

Gregorio Turbano to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Libmanan, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice José Rile, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

Mario Guariña to be fiscal for the Province of Batanes at a salary of ₱3,000 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of Act No. 2091.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1912.

Burt S. Horton to be passed assistant engineer with relative rank of second lieutenant, Bureau of Navigation, the appointment to be effective as of January 22, 1912; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 1980.

Lieutenant Clifford P. Meyer, United States Marine Corps, to be justice of the peace for the United States Naval Reservation of Olongapo, Province of Zambales, Third Judicial District, vice Lieutenant Edwin N. McClelan, United States Marine Corps, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041,

and of resolution No. 32 of the Philippine Commission, adopted on July 23, 1910.

Mariano Barateta to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Tabaco and Malilipot, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱1,080 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Felipe Regalado to be justice of the peace for the municipalities of Malinao and Tiwi, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District, at a salary of ₱990 per annum; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Antipas Vasquez to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Hinigaran, Province of Occidental Negros, Tenth Judicial District, vice Ramón Gorres, relieved; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Anacleto Obusan to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Indan, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Roman Pajarillo, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Melchor Tuazon to be justice of the peace for the municipality of Pangil, Province of La Laguna, Sixth Judicial District, vice Canuto Aritao, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Juan Gatan to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Cabagan Nuevo, Province of Isabela, First Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice Alejo Bangug, deceased; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Evaristo Badiola to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Baao, Province of Ambos Camarines, Eighth Judicial District, vice Eusebio Serrano, resigned; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Vicente G. Oliva to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipality of Nasugbu, Province of Batangas, Seventh Judicial District—the appointment to continue until such time as a person who has the qualifications prescribed by law and is willing to accept the appointment can be found—vice Simon Samaniego, appointed justice of the peace; pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 9 of Act No. 2041.

Anacleto Mercado to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Malinao and Tiwi, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

Mariano Villanueva, jr., to be auxiliary justice of the peace for the municipalities of Tabaco and Malilipot, Province of Albay, Eighth Judicial District; pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Act No. 2041.

HISTORY OF BILLS AND JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

IN THE

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

DURING THE

SECOND SESSION AND SPECIAL SESSION OF 1912

OF THE

SECOND PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

SUMMARY OF BILLS AND ACTS INTRODUCED AND ENACTED DURING PERIOD COVERED BY THIS JOURNAL

COMMISSION BILLS.

Relating to territory inhabited by non-Christian tribes under the exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the Commission:		
Number introduced in—		
Recess (February 4, 1911, to October 15, 1911)	15	
Second session (October 16, 1911, to February 1, 1912)	12	
Special session (February 2, 1912, to February 6, 1912)	1	
Total		28
Relating to territory under the jurisdiction of the Legislature:		
Number introduced in—		
Second session	[a] 66	
Special session	[b] 1	
Total		67
Total number of Commission bills introduced in—		
Recess	15	
Second session	78	
Special session	2	
Total		95

ASSEMBLY BILLS.

Number received in—		
Second session	[c] 143	
Special session	[b] 32	
Total number of Assembly bills received		175

ACTS.

Number of Commission bills enacted by the Commission under its exclusive legislative jurisdiction over territory inhabited by non-Christian tribes:		
Recess	15	
Second session	10	
Special session	1	
Total		26
Number of Commission bills enacted by the Legislature:		
Second session	10	
Special session	7	
Total		17
Number of Assembly bills enacted by the Legislature:		
Second session	38	
Special session	31	
Total		69
Total number of Acts enacted		112

[a] Does not include two bills introduced in first session and considered in second session.

[b] Does not include bills introduced in second session and considered in special session under provisions of Commission Resolution No. 87.

[c] Does not include six bills introduced in first session and considered in second session.

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Second Session, and Special Session of 1912.

COMMISSION BILLS.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

93 to 107 Introduced and considered in Commission during the recess period from February 4, 1911, to October 15, 1911.

(For history see pp. 928–931.)

25. An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle; providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays and large cattle captured or seized, providing for the surrender of certificates of ownership, and so forth, of dead cattle and those transferred, slaughtered, lost, and so forth, providing penalties for noncompliance with its provisions and for theft, robbery, and so forth, of large cattle, repealing all prior laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent with its provisions, and for other purposes.

By the President.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 847.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 23.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction (Report No. 286), report adopted, p. 142.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 349), report accepted, read second time and ordered on file for consideration with report in Committee of the Whole, pp. 366–368.

Consideration postponed, p. 374.

Made special order, p. 397.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

25—Continued.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 398–400.

In special session:

Reintroduced, read once in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 683.

35. An Act to fix the time for making annual reports for officers of the different branches of the Government and to make the fiscal year uniform for all branches of the Government and coincident with the calendar year.

By the President.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 851.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 23, 24.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 315), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 244–246.

Consideration postponed, p. 251.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 258, 259.

Reconsidered and further consideration postponed, p. 271.

Further considered, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 280.

In special session:

Reintroduced, read once in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

Amended by the Assembly, pp. 913, 914.

Laid on the table by the Commission, p. 914.

108. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fifty-two, entitled "An Act providing for examinations of banking institutions in the Philippine Islands, and for reports by their officers," as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and thirty-nine, by providing for the examination of banks every twelve months and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first time and ordered on file for second reading, p. 29.

Read second time and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole, p. 33.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

108—Continued.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 36.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 188.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 188.

(See Act No. 2082.)

109. An Act to correct an error in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act amending sections twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one and thirty-two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, referred to as 'The Opium Act,' by providing for the disposition of all taxes, fines, and all other moneys collected under this Act, increasing the penalties for the violation of sections thirty-one and thirty-two, repealing section twenty-seven, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first time and ordered on file for second reading, p. 29.

Read second time and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole, pp. 33, 34.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 36.

In special session:

Reintroduced, read once in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, pp. 909, 910.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 910.

(See Act No. 2148.)

110. An Act defining habitual criminals and providing additional punishment for the same.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 38.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 242), report adopted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without further amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 43, 44.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read and approved, pp. 48, 49.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 624.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

111. An Act to amend section seven of Act Numbered Five hundred and thirty, entitled "An Act defining the jurisdiction of the civil and of the military authorities over lands reserved by the President of the United States for military purposes," by providing for the manner of making arrests and serving subpœnas on military reservations, or in camps or barracks.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 39, 40.

Read third time, passed and the title read and approved, p. 41.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 512.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 512.

(See Act No. 2104.)

112. An Act to amend Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the "Philippine Customs Administrative Act," by including vessels within the provisions of sections three hundred and twenty-two and three hundred and twenty-three thereof, and by making it the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the city of Manila to prosecute violations of the customs laws.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 40.

Read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 42.

In special session:

Reintroduced, read once in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

113. An Act amending articles fifty-six, fifty-seven, one hundred and six, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, three hundred, three hundred and one, three hundred and three, and three hundred and sixteen of the Penal Code, by making certain changes in the penalties.

By the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice (Report No. 241).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 42, 43.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

113—Continued.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 49.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 624.

114. An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police with the approval of the Governor-General to contract with any railroad company in the Philippine Islands for the construction and maintenance of joint railroad and highway bridges on its lines of railroad, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to pay the Government's proportion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the bridges so contracted for, and providing for the apportionment by the Governor-General of the expense of maintenance of such bridges between the provinces and municipalities concerned.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 43.

Read third time and further consideration postponed until next meeting of the Commission, p. 49.

Consideration further postponed until next meeting of the Commission, pp. 52, 58, 60, 61.

Laid on the table by the Commission, pp. 63, 64.

115. An Act prohibiting slavery, involuntary servitude, peonage, and the sale or purchase of human beings in the Philippine Islands, and providing punishment therefor.

By the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice (Report No. 246).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 50.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 53.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, pp. 624, 625.

116. An Act to provide for the collection and apportionment between the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments of taxes paid by the grantees of franchises, their lessees, successors or assigns, on the gross earnings or receipts from the business covered by the law granting the franchise or any amendment thereof.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

116—Continued.

By select committee. (Report No. 247).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 51.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 53.

Amended by the Assembly and amendments referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 241, 242.

Reported with recommendation that amendment be disagreed to and conference asked (Report No. 322), report adopted, pp. 283, 284.

Assembly insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 291, 292.

Report of conference committee (No. 29) p. 375.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 376.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 376.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 376.

(See Act No. 2096.)

117. An Act to amend section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-eight by providing that any Government property in any rented building be included as within the terms of said Act.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 61.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 64.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

Passed by the Assembly without amendment, p. 793.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 793.

(See Act No. 2140.)

118. An Act providing for the proof and acknowledgment of instruments without the Islands.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 61.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

118—Continued.

Reported with amendment (report No. 298), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that it pass with amendment proposed by standing committee, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 174–176.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 512.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 512.

(See Act No. 2103.)

119. An Act prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter, exchange, pledge, loan, or giving away of the clothes, arms, ammunition, equipments, accouterments, stores, and other property furnished by the Government of the Philippine Islands to the Philippines Constabulary, and prescribing punishment for the unlawful sale and purchase and the theft of any such property.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 64.

Reported with amendmennt (Report No. 276), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 126, 127.

Read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 131.

Laid on table by the Assembly, p. 625.

120. An Act to amend section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Province of Batanes; to amend paragraph seven of section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine in certain particulars; to authorize the provincial board of the Province of Batanes, with the approval of the Governor-General, to extend the time for the payment without penalty of taxes and licenses; to amend section five of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled 'The Election Law,' by increasing the number of delegates to the Philippine Assembly to eighty-one, and for other purposes," by providing for a provincial fiscal for the Province of Batanes.

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120—Continued.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 69.

Read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 71, 72.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 272.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 272.

(See Act No. 2091.)

121. An Act to amend section ninety-one of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine as amended, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by increasing the percentage of alcohol that wine may contain and still be subject to the lower tax rate per gauge liter.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 72.

Read third time, passed and the title read and approved, p. 74.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

122. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor-General to specify by executive order the kinds of native wines or liquors which shall be subject to the prohibition contained in sections nine and twenty-four of Act Numbered Fifty-nine, entitled 'The Manila Liquor Licenses Act,' Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and two, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Cavite, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,' and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled 'An Act prohibiting the sale, gift, or other disposal, in the Province of Zambales, to soldiers of the United States Army and sailors and enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, of any of the so-called native wines or liquors,'" by defining the words "native wines or liquors" and for other purposes.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

122—Continued.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 72, 73.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 74, 75.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 666.

123. An Act to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three, by extending the leave and other privileges of the Revised Civil Service Act to officers and employees of the city of Baguio.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 75.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 256), report adopted, ordered on file for second reading, p. 85.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 94, 95.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 95.

(See Act No. 2077.)

124. An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles.

By select committee (Report No. 255).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 80.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 84.

Amended by the Assembly, amendment referred to Committe on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 596–604.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

Amended by the Assembly and amendments referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 707.

Reported with recommendation that amendment be disagreed to and conference requested (Report No. 477), report adopted, pp. 840–848.

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124—Continued.

Assembly insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 905.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

125. An Act making it unlawful, without authority from the Director of Navigation, to establish, erect or maintain in the navigable waters of the Philippine Islands, any light as an aid to navigation or any other aid to navigation similar to any of those maintained by the Bureau of Navigation, and providing a penalty therefor.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 80, 81.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 84.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87 and passed, p. 684.

126. An Act to amend section eleven of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of a commissioned and enlisted service within the Bureau of Navigation, the creation of a pension fund in connection therewith, and for the punishment of offenses against good order and discipline within such service," by authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Police, with the approval of the Governor-General, to designate any commissioned officer to act as summary court officer.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 81.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 84, 85.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 684.

127. An Act providing that the sum of ten thousand pesos set aside in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan for part of the expenses of the Philippines Carnival be repaid to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three.

NUMBER, TITLE, AND ACTION.

127—Continued.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 109.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 115.

(See A. B. No. 756.)

128. An Act to amend Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "The Corporation Law."

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 109, 110.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 115.

Amended by the Assembly and amendments referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 188, 189.

Reported with recommendation that amendment be disagreed to and conference requested (Report No. 329), report adopted, pp. 294, 295.

Assembly insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 333.

Report of conference committee (No. 30), p. 426.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 426.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 464.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 464.

(See Act No. 2100.)

129. An Act expressly conferring upon, and confirming to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands the control and management of all matters affecting the personnel and the internal operations of the court; and authorizing the Court to hold sessions throughout the period designated by law for the annual "court vacation;" and providing for accrued leave for the members of the Court in certain cases.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, report adopted, p. 110.

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129—Continued.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 334), report accepted, considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 308–310.

Consideration postponed, p. 337.

Further considered in committee of the whole, reported with additional amendment, report accepted and bill ordered on file for third reading, pp. 378, 379.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 392.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 670.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 670.

(See Act No. 2128.)

130. An Act relating to contracts of personal service and advances thereunder, and providing punishment for certain offenses connected therewith.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 123.

Read third time, amended, and consideration postponed, p. 125.

Consideration resumed, further amended, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 130, 131.

Passed by the Assembly with amendment, amendment concurred in by Commission, p. 427.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 427.

(See Act No. 2098.)

131. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Manila," by changing the period within which the ordinances of said city shall be published; giving to the Municipal Board of said city power: To provide for licensing motor vehicles; to regulate and fix the location of explosion engines; to inspect and regulate the method of using explosion engines, and to charge a reasonable inspection fee therefor; to regulate the speed of motor vehicles; to levy taxes on vehicles and horses and to provide the method of collection therefor; to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, and the licensing of public garages and operators of motor vehicles; to readjust from time to time the duties and receipts of the several departments of the city government; to

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provide for special assessments in making public improvements; and amending sections forty-six and forty-eight of said Act relative to assessment of real property.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 123.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 340), report received and bill ordered on file for second reading, pp. 348–350.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 353, 396.

Consideration postponed, pp. 407, 408, 414.

Made special order, p. 423, 424.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, and made special order, pp. 425, 426, 436, 437.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole and reported with recommendation that bill be recommitted to select committee, report adopted, p. 461.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 394), report accepted, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment and recommendation that amendments proposed by select committee (Reports Nos. 340 and 394) be concurred in, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 518–524.

Explanation of vote, p. 524.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

Amended by the Assembly and amendment referred to select committee, pp. 792, 793.

Reported with recommendation that amendment be disagreed to and conference requested (Report No. 463), report adopted, pp. 811, 812.

Assembly insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 847.

Report of conference committee (No. 46) failure to agree, p. 875.

Conference report accepted by Commission, p. 875.

132. An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

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132—Continued.

By the Committee on Appropriations.

In second session:

Read first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration on a later date, p. 126.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 350, 354, 371, 373, 382, 383, 408, 416, 424, 430, 435, 469, 479, 482, 534, 541.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 544–569.

Read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 586.

(See A. B. No. 1022.)

133. An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and creating a board to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane.

By Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice (Report No. 277).

In second session:

Read first time and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 128.

Reported with recommendation that bill accompanying the report be substituted (report No. 377), report adopted, pp. 467, 468.

(See C. B. No. 169.)

134. An Act to amend section thirty-six of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four," by exempting from the payment of internal revenue taxes articles purchased for use by the Army or Navy of the United States.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 128.

Laid on the table by the Commission, pp. 131, 132.

135. An Act abolishing the position of Assistant Attorney-General and one position of assistant attorney, and creating two positions of assistant attorney in lieu thereof, in the office of the Attorney-General.

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By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered the Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, report adopted, pp. 135, 136.

Reported without amendment (Report 284), report adopted, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 137, 138.

Passed by Assembly with amendment, amendment disagreed to and conference requested, pp. 502, 503.

Report of conference committee (No. 37), p. 673.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 673.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, pp. 673, 674.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 674.

(See Act No. 2130.)

136. An Act repealing sections seven hundred and fifty-five, seven hundred and fifty-six, seven hundred and fifty-seven, seven hundred and fifty-eight, and seven hundred and sixty of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, and restoring such provisions of the Civil Code as may have been amended or repealed by said sections to full force and effect.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 149.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 292), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendments made by select committee be concurred in, and that the bill be further amended, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 157, 158.

Consideration postponed, p. 161.

Consideration resumed, read third time, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 170, 171.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 625.

137. An Act amending sections one and twenty-six of Act Numbered Two thousand and seventy-five entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles in the Moro Province, the Mountain Province, the Province of Agusan, and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

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By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Commtitee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 154.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 154.

(See Act No. 2080.)

138. An Act to amend Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act defining property in trade-marks and in trade-names and providing for the protection of the same, defining unfair competition and providing remedies against the same, providing registration for trade-marks and trade-names, and defining the effect to be given to registration under the Spanish royal decree of eighteen hundred eighty-eight relating to the registration of trade-marks, and the effect to be given to registration under this Act," by providing for the publication of applications for registration of trade-marks and trade-names and for the filing of opposition to such registration by persons considering themselves damaged thereby, and forbidding the importation of certain merchandise, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times and referred to the Committee of the Whole, p. 165.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 170.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 665.

139. An Act amending section four, as amended, of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend certain sections of general orders, Numbered Fifty-eight, series of nineteen hundred, and certain sections of Acts Numbered Eighty-two, One hundred and thirty-six, One hundred and eighty-three, as amended, One hundred and ninety, One hundred and ninety-four, as amended, Seven hundred and eighty-seven, as amended; also to repeal Acts Numbered Five hundred and ninety, as amended, Nine hundred and ninety-two, and Fourteen hundred and fifty, and designed to unify the system of justice of the peace courts, clarify existing legislation relative thereto, and further increase

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the efficiency thereof," by conferring jurisdiction upon justices of the peace to try violations of regulations adopted by provincial boards under section thirteen (*k*) of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled "The Provincial Government Act."

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 176.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 358), report adopted, p. 403.

140. An Act to amend Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and fifty-seven by making the provisions of the Penal Code applicable to violations of the Act.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 180.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 305), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 198, 199.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read and approved, pp. 204, 205.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 625.

141. An Act making appropriation for the repair and construction of roads, bridges, trails, and public buildings in the Mountain Province.

By the President.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and title read and approved, pp. 180, 181.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 181.

(See Act No. 2081.)

142. An Act to repeal section three of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and fifty-five entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pesos for the purchase and preparation of land for cattle quarantine stations in the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, and making provision for the reimbursement of the Insular Treasury for

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the said amount with the proceeds of the sale of the Singalong experimental station, Malate Manila," and confirming any sales heretofore made under authority of the repealed section.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 185, 186.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 189.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, pp. 573, 574.

143. An Act amending section nineteen of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Land Registration Act," as amended, by providing that an executor or administrator duly appointed under the laws of the Philippine Islands may on behalf of the estate of the deceased make application for the registration of title.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 215.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 217.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87 and passed, p. 685.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 910.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 910.

(See Act No. 2164.)

144. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-nine, by authorizing the expenditure for permanent improvements of funds appropriated by said Act for current expenses.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved p. 248.

Ordered enrolled and printed, pp. 248, 249.

(See Act No. 2086.)

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145. An Act making applicable to that part of the Philippine Islands inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, Acts of the Philippine Legislature Numbered Two thousand and eighty-two, Two thousand and eighty-three, and Two thousand eighty-five, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times and considered in Committee of the Whole, p. 249.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with additional amendments, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 252, 253.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 253.

(See Act No. 2087.)

146. An Act amending Act Numbered Two thousand and sixty-seven entitled "An Act providing for the investment of a portion of the accretions of the gold-standard fund in loans to provinces and municipalities in the territory inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes for certain purposes in securities authorized for the investment of funds of the Postal Savings Bank, and in interest-bearing bonds to assist in the construction of sugar centrals, and for other purposes," so as to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorize the deposit of the amount of the excess so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorize the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 252.

Read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 253, 254.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 254.

(See Act No. 2088.)

147. An Act to require certain corporations to file annual reports with the Insular Auditor, and to pay certain fees therefor.

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147—Continued.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, and considered in Committee of the Whole, p. 260.

Consideration postponed, pp. 268, 276.

Consideration resumed in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police for redraft as amendment to Corporation Law, report adopted, pp. 279, 280.

Recalled from Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police and further considered in Committee of the Whole, p. 312.

Consideration postponed, p. 337.

Date fixed for public hearing, p. 346.

Public hearing held, further considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 360, 361.

Consideration postponed, p. 374.

Consideration resumed, in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, report adopted, pp. 396, 397.

148. An Act to amend section eight of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as The Corporation Law, enacted March first, nineteen hundred and six, and section seventeen of said Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and forty-four, and further amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and ninety-five, so as to provide for the fees to be collected for the filing of the articles of incorporation, and for the increasing or diminution of the capital stock.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 260.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, p. 707.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 707.

(See Act No. 2135.)

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149. An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the Philippine Islands.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 288, 289.

Read third time, passed and the title read and approved, p. 292.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

150. An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels, the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases, the relief of distressed seamen, the settlement of the estates of deceased seamen, and for other purposes.

By Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police (Report No. 326).

In second session:

Read first time and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 289, 290.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 386), report adopted, pp. 498, 499.

(See A. B. No. 940.)

151. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as the Municipal Code, by authorizing municipal councils to close municipal roads, streets, alleys, parks, or squares for governmental purposes.

By the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice (Report No. 328).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 294.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 305.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

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152. An Act providing that the provincial treasurer shall be accountable for all public property in the Provinces of Agusan and Nueva Vizcaya.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 311.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 311.

(See Act No. 2093.)

153. An Act to amend Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of reclaimed land for commercial purposes, for the leasing of the foreshore and lands under water, and to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waterways."

By the President.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 311.

Reported with recommendation that consideration be postponed (Report No. 413), report adopted, p. 607.

154. An Act amending section six of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, known as The Land Registration Act, as amended, by providing that in the absence of the judge of the Court of Land Registration his duties shall be performed by the senior associate judge.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 312.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

155. An Act granting to the government of the Moro Province title to the area in the harbor of Zamboanga reclaimed by that government.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Affairs Pertaining to Moro Province, p. 337.

156. An Act to appropriate the sum of seven thousand pesos for the continuation of Government scholarships in the College of Veterinary Science in the University of the Philippines.

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156—Continued.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 370.

Laid on table by the Assembly, p. 626.

157. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell certain lands with their equipment which are now occupied by the Bureau of Agriculture as experiment stations and setting aside the proceeds from the sales thereof for the purpose of establishing and maintaining demonstration farms by the Bureau of Agriculture.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 370.

In second session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

158. An Act to provide funds for the treatment of poor persons in the Philippine General Hospital, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 371, 372.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

159. An Act amending section twenty-five (*d*), Act Sixteen hundred and Ninety-eight, known as Revised Civil Service Act.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 377.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (report No. 387), report adopted, p. 499.

(See A. B. No. 929.)

160. An Act amending Act Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled "The Public Land Act," by providing that persons, associations, and corporations may acquire by purchase public lands not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent for purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive

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industry, and that provinces, municipalities or other municipal corporations may acquire by purchase public lands for cemetery or park purposes not exceeding sixteen hectares in extent, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 377, 378.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 379), report accepted, read second time, and ordered on file for consideration in Committee of the Whole, p. 477.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 513, 514.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 685.

161. An Act amending subsection (*b*) of section eighteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, by amending paragraph two thereof to extend the provisions of the subsection to civilian employees of the United States and to provide for the withdrawal by the Attorney-General of such funds of deceased Americans as may remain on deposit in the Postal Savings Bank one year after the date of the death of the owner thereof, and by adding at the end of said subsection a paragraph conferring on the Attorney-General authority to assume the control and management of the property and personal effects of such Americans as may become insane while employed in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands or as civilian employees of the United States.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, pp. 379, 380.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 368), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 433, 434.

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161—Continued.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

Passed by Assembly without amendment, pp. 707, 708.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 708.

(See Act No. 2136.)

162. An Act amending the Special Provincial Government Act by providing that in the Mountain Province, Nueva Vizcaya, and Agusan ex-soldiers of the Philippine Constabulary who are members of non-Christian tribes who have served at least one complete enlistment in that organization and have been honorably discharged therefrom, shall be exempt, under certain conditions, from the payment of the tax imposed by paragraph "A" of section nineteen of said Act.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In second session:

Read first time and laid on the table, pp. 414, 415.

163. An Act appropriating the sum of two thousand pesos to reimburse the special fund to be expended, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, created by Act Nineteen hundred and ninety-two, for the amount expended in purchasing foodstuffs to relieve suffering in the subprovince of Butuan.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 415.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 415.

(See Act No. 2097.)

164. An Act to provide for an exposition of Philippine products in the city of Manila, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 416.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 420), report accepted, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, read third time under

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164—Continued.

Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 620, 622.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

Amended by the Assembly, amendment disagreed to and conference requested, pp. 793, 794.

Assembly insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 880.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

165. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to sell the real property of the Government of the Philippine Islands known as the "Ice Plant" for a sum not less than two million pesos, to give to the purchaser a good and sufficient title to said property, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 423.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 385), report accepted, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, and bill ordered on file for third reading, pp. 496-498.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 524, 525.

Explanation of vote, p. 525.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

166. An Act amending section three hundred and forty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to constitute the customs service of the Philippine Islands," authorizing the payment of awards for customs seizures and for information of fraud against the customs revenues, and requiring persons in the employ of the Government and officers of vessels to give information of fraud upon the customs and fixing penalties for failure to comply therewith, and making it unlawful for any person in the employ of the Government to participate in awards for information.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 430.

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166—Continued.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 383), report accepted, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 492–494.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

167. An Act to regulate the pawnbroking business.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 434.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 410), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, report adopted, pp. 589, 590.

168. An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, pp. 458, 459.

169. An Act providing for the confinement of insane persons in Government hospitals or other institutions for the insane, and for the appointment of a board of physicians to inquire into the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane, when the evidence presented is not satisfactory to the court, or when there exists a reasonable doubt as to the condition of any patient confined in a hospital for the insane.

By Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior (Report No. 377).

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 468.

Passed by the Assembly without amendment, p. 669.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 669.

(See Act No. 2122.)

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170. An Act amending Act Numbered Two hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An Act prescribing the method of executing leases of real estate to or by the Insular Government" by providing the method of making contracts and leases for Government buildings or cottages under the control of the Bureau of Public Works.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 478.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 626.

171. An Act providing the method of executing leases of Government buildings or cottages.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 478.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 478.

(See Act No. 2102.)

172. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health," so as to increase the number of student nurses admitted to the Philippine Nurses' Training School.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 501.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

Passed by the Assembly without amendment, p. 910.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 910.

(See Act No. 2161.)

173. An Act amending section eight of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and sixty-three of the Philippine Commission by authorizing the city council of Baguio to construct, acquire, and maintain a public lighting system, and for other purposes.

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173—Continued.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 514.

Ordered enrolled and printed, pp. 514, 515.

(See Act No. 2106.)

174. An Act changing the name of the municipality of Salasa, Province of Pangasinan, to Osmeña.

By Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments (Report No. 397).

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 529, 530.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

175. An Act amending the second paragraph of the first subsection of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and repealing the third paragraph of the first subsection of article one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven, as amended, by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 530, 531.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

176. An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, providing a Code of Procedure for Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and laid on the table, p. 543.

177. An Act to amend Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, known as The Internal Revenue Law of Nineteen hundred and four, so as to require every person engaged in any business, trade, or occupation, subject by the provisions of said Act to a license or occupation tax, to

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register with the provincial treasurer, on the date on which he engages in such business, trade, or occupation, his name, residence, name of business, trade, or occupation, and place where same is to be carried on; and to require all merchants, manufacturers, and common carriers subject to any of the taxes imposed by Article XVI of said Act, with certain exceptions, to keep regular commercial accounts, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and laid on the table, pp. 543, 544.

178. An Act to authorize a continuing annual appropriation of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, for four years, for the University of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and ordered on file for second reading, p. 544.

(See A. B. No. 1015.)

179. An Act making appropriations for public works.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, pp. 591, 592.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, p. 611.

(See A. B. No. 1030.)

180. An Act to fix the date for the commencement of the annual sessions of the Philippine Legislature.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In second session:

Read first time and referred to select committee, p. 604.

(See A. B. No. 1050.)

181. An Act authorizing the establishment of an Agricultural Bank under the guaranties authorized by the Act of Congress of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

By Commissioner Branagan.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 623, 624.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 649.

Explanation of vote, p. 649.

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181—Continued.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 686.

Amended by the Assembly, amendment disagreed to and conference requested, pp. 794–796.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

182. An Act authorizing the Governor-General to grant revocable licenses to construct and operate tramways on public roads.

By the President.

In second session:

Read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 639.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 687.

Amended by the Assembly and amendment concurred in, pp. 851, 852.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 852.

(See Act No. 2157.)

183. An Act to amend section sixteen of Act Numbered Six hundred and sixty-six, The Trade-marks and Trade-names Act.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first time and laid on the table, p. 641.

184. An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty thousand pesos for the maintenance, alteration, and repair of public buildings, including leased buildings the contract for which provides that the maintenance, alteration, and repairs shall be made at the expense of the Government.

By Commissioner Elliott.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 648, 649.

In special session:

Read once, in accordance with Commission Resolution No. 87, and passed, p. 687.

185. An Act fixing the date for the general elections for Delegates to the Philippine Assembly and for municipal and provincial officials.

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185—Continued.

By Commissioner Araneta.

In second session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 661.

Laid on the table by the Assembly, p. 666.

(See A. B. 1000.)

186. An Act authorizing the establishment of quarantines and regulating the movement of cattle within the Philippine Islands.

By Commissioner Gilbert.

In special session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 824, 825.

187. An Act authorizing the establishment of quarantines and regulating the movement of cattle within the territory under the exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the Philippine Commission.

By Commissioner Worcester.

In special session:

Read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 906.

Ordered enrolled and printed, p. 906.

(See Act No. 2172.)

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74. An Act establishing an institute of Philippine languages, providing for the teaching of said languages to the teachers of the public schools, and appropriating twenty thousand pesos for the establishment of said institute.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 492.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 396), report adopted, pp. 528, 529.

79. An Act to provide Government scholarships for young Filipinos who shall have completed any professional course of study or who are otherwise licensed or authorized to practice scientific, artistic, or industrial professions, in order that they may continue their studies in the higher educational institutions in America or in Europe, and for other purposes.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 872.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 24.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 295), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment proposed by committee be concurred in with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 162–165.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 167, 168.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 261.

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79—Continued.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 261, 262.

Report of conference committee (No. 28), pp. 361, 362.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 362.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 374.

(See Act No. 2095.)

140. An Act to amend section thirty-four of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act," by exempting the owners of large cattle over two years of age who voluntarily present the same for branding and registration from the penalty established in said Act, and repealing in such case section forty of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-seven.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 874.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 24.

Reported with recommendation that bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction (Report No. 287), report adopted, pp. 145, 146.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 350), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment be concurred in, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, preamble amended, and title amended, read, and approved, pp. 368, 369.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, pp. 432, 433.

(See Act No. 2099.)

145. An Act to amend section ten of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale

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of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act," as amended by Act Fourteen hundred and sixty-five, by reducing the charge for certificates of registration of large cattle.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, pp. 874, 875.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 24, 25.

Reported with recommendation that bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction (Report No. 288), report adopted, p. 146.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 321), report adopted, pp. 276, 277.

146. An Act concerning warehouse receipts.

In second session:

Received, read first time and referred to select committee, p. 667.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 689.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 448), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 774.

(See Act No. 2137.)

163. An Act regulating the employment of women and children in factories, workshops, and mines.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 504, 505.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 416), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendments, report accepted, ordered on file for third reading, p. 609.

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163—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 689.

209. An Act amending section seven of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act regulating the registration, branding, conveyance, and slaughter of large cattle, and providing for the disposition, care, custody, and sale of estrays or large cattle captured or seized by the Philippines Constabulary or other peace officers, and repealing Act Numbered Six hundred and thirty-seven and so much of Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventy-seven as provides for the disposition, care, custody, or sale of cattle, carabaos, horses, and animals of the bovine family, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act."

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 689.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 488), report adopted, p. 881.

226. An Act granting a prize of fifteen thousand pesos to the inventor of an incombustible roof to substitute nipa, and creating a technical board to pass upon the conditions of the invention.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 156.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 297), report adopted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 168, 169.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 172, 173.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly with amendment, amendment referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 265, 266.

Reported with recommendation that amendment be disagreed to, and conference requested (Report No. 359), report adopted, p. 404.

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226—Continued.

Assembly insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 428.

Report of conference committee (No. 31), p. 518.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 518.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 537.

(See Act No. 2107.)

319. An Act providing for the establishment of a school for foremen of public works.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 274.

Reported with recommendation that bill be referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police (Report No. 332), report adopted, p. 307.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 402), report adopted pp. 537, 538.

337. An Act regulating the authority of the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands to deport, exclude, expel, or repatriate foreigners.

In second session:

Received, read first time. and referred to select committee, p. 651.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 435), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 652.

(See Act No. 2113.)

379. An Act providing funds for the purchase of originals and of copies of historical documents relating to Filipinos in the Chinese Empire.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 223.

Reported with recommendation that the bill do not pass (Report No. 317), report adopted, p. 254.

383. An Act amending various sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty which refers to the administration, temporary leasing and sale of certain haciendas and parcels of land, commonly known as Friar Lands, as amended, making applicable to said lands the limitations set forth in the Public Land Act with certain exceptions,

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granting the lessees the right to be heard in the valuation of their land, providing for a form of administration, maintenance and improvement of irrigation systems on said lands, declaring certain lands used for public purposes by municipalities or provinces to be of the public domain of the municipalities or provinces wherein situated, prescribing the procedure for settling controversies among the lessees over the use of the waters of said systems, and for other purposes.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, pp. 883, 884.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 25, 26.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 342), report adopted, pp. 354, 355.

497. An Act on marriage and divorce.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 214.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 689.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 472), report adopted, p. 833.

Minority report (No. 473), p. 834.

Explanation of vote, pp. 834, 835.

521. An Act to provide for the establishment of a nautical school in the Philippine Islands.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 892.)

In second session:

Taken up and referred to select committee, p. 25.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 367), report adopted, p. 429.

533. An Act to establish special classes for midwives in connection with the classes for male and female nurses, for the instruction of Filipino women in the practice of obstetrics and puericulture, and to amend Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health.

(For previous history see Journal No. 4, p. 893.)

In second session:

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 352), report adopted, p. 384.

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577. An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five, by providing that residents of the Provinces of Mindoro, Palawan, and Batanes, organized under The Special Provincial Government Act, Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, shall be exempt from the payment of the tax established by section nineteen of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, but subject to the payment of the double cedula tax, and repealing section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and fifty-five and all Acts in conflict with this Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 83, 84.

Reported with recommendation that bill be not passed (Report No. 299), report adopted, pp. 179, 180.

586. An Act establishing a sugar-testing laboratory in the city of Manila and fixing the powers and duties of the sugar chemist in charge thereof.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 35.

Reported with recommendation that bill do not pass (Report No. 272), consideration of report postponed, pp. 117–119.

Committee report (No. 272) withdrawn, p. 173.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 306), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 200–202.

Commission amendments concurred in by the Assembly, p. 229.

(See Act No. 2084.)

587. An Act amending Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine known as the Internal Revenue Act and Acts amendatory thereof, by exempting small manufacturers, merchants, and dealers in tuba, bassi, tapuy, or like domestic beverages from the internal-revenue tax, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 57.

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587—Continued.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 270), report received, bill read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole together with committee report (No. 270), reported without further amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 110–112.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 183.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 183, 184.

Report of conference committee (No. 27), pp. 232–234.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 234.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, pp. 235, 236.

(See Act No. 2085.)

601. An Act to prevent distress which may be caused by the excessively high price and probable shortage of rice in the Philippine Islands.

In second session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be referred to select committee, report adopted, pp. 28, 29.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 237), report received and the bill and report considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be passed without amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 32, 33.

Explanations of votes, p. 33.

(See Act No. 2076.)

603. An Act declaring the Ports of Tabaco and Legaspi, Province of Albay, ports of entry.

In special session:

Received, read first time and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 689.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table, report (No. 512), report adopted, pp. 902, 903.

611. The Irrigation Law.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 236.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 330), report received, and consideration of bill made special order, pp. 295–303.

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611—Continued.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole with report of standing committee, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 314–333.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 502.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 502.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 688, 701, 702.

Commission requests conference, p. 702.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference p. 822.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 822.

Report of conference committee (No. 42), pp. 858–863.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 863.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, pp. 878, 879.

(See Act No. 2152.)

612. An Act providing for the organization of agricultural colonies at uninhabited points in the Philippine Islands under the direction of the Bureau of Labor and appropriating funds for that purpose.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 153.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 689.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 487), pp. 880, 881.

613. An Act establishing the office of provincial engineer, amending The Provincial Government Act and amendments thereto.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 47.

Reported with recommendation that bill be indefinitely postponed (Report No. 323), report adopted, pp. 284–286.

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615. An Act providing that credit be allowed for imprisonment while awaiting trial and sentence.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 504.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 407), report adopted, pp. 574, 575.

620. An Act appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand pesos for providing the public schools with copies of an adequate biography of Doctor José Rizal.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 77.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 257), report adopted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 85, 86.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, p. 114.

(See Act No. 2078.)

633. An Act to exempt from payment of the land tax every kind of buildings, machinery, and implements on agricultural lands and used exclusively in the cultivation of such lands or in the production of crops thereon, or for the use thereof, or that are needed thereby, with certain exceptions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, p. 157.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 293), report received, and further consideration postponed, pp. 159, 160.

Read second time and consideration postponed, p. 165.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that it be laid on the table, and report adopted, p. 217.

Taken from the table and further consideration postponed until after New Years, p. 222.

Consideration postponed, pp. 276, 279.

Laid on the table, p. 282.

634. An Act authorizing the Governor-General of the Philippines, or the person acting legally in his stead, to postpone, reduce, remit, and annul, or in any other manner compromise, in part or in whole, the confiscation and execu-

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634—Continued.

tion of bonds in criminal cases, and to order the return of moneys, or other personal property confiscated from private parties by the American military authorities during the revolution, under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 66, 67.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 289), report adopted, pp. 148, 149.

638. An Act making the payment of the personal cedula tax obligatory for civilian employees of the military and naval branches of the United States Government in the Philippine Islands.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 251.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 365), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 418–422.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 614.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 614, 615.

Report of conference committee (No. 36), p. 659.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, pp. 659, 660.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 663.

(See Act No. 2117.)

647. An Act declaring the use of the names or surnames or of the names and surnames of José Rizal or of Apolinario Mabini illegal and prohibiting and punishing such use, except under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 662.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committe, pp. 688, 690.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 483), report adopted, pp. 875, 876.

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648. An Act establishing and defining the legal rate of interest, and declaring the effect of usury upon contracts, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 67.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 258), report adopted, ordered on file for second reading, p. 87.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, and consideration postponed for the time being, pp. 95, 96.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 591.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and requests a conference, p. 670.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 670, 671.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 688, 702, 703.

Commission requests conference, p. 703.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 822, 823.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 823.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

653. An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resin, stone, earth, and other forests products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 266, 267.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 363), report adopted, pp. 411, 412.

(See A. B. 1055.)

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654. An Act to establish a credit fund for Agricultural Banks.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 223.

Reported, with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 325), report adopted, pp. 287, 288.

655. An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and ninety of the Philippine Commission, enacted October twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to confirm certain rights and franchises of the Banco Español-Filipino and to amend its statutes," for the purpose of eliminating certain obsolete provisions of Act Seventeen hundred and ninety and to avoid future confusion in the interpretation of said Act, and also for the purpose of extending the corporate powers of the said Banco Español-Filipino.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 236.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 369), report accepted, and further consideration postponed, pp. 437–447.

Consideration further postponed, p. 460.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that consideration of bill be postponed until next meeting of the Commission, pp. 487, 488.

Read second time, further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be recommitted to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, report adopted, p. 533.

Reported with further amendment (Report No. 406), report received, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 569–572.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, pp. 668, 669.

(See Act No. 2132.)

658. An Act providing for the establishing of a bathing establishment at Manliluag, Mangatarem, Province of Pangasinan, creating a permanent position for a resident physician therefor, and for other purposes.

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658—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 688, 690.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 499), report adopted, pp. 889, 890.

660. An Act providing that thirty per centum of the amount collected annually for road funds be employed exclusively in the repair of roads, within municipalities and that said funds be placed at the disposal of municipal councils.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 276.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 380), report adopted, pp. 483, 484.

661. An Act amending Act Numbered Eight hundred and seventeen by changing the method of appointment of locust boards and by defining the relation of the Bureau of Agriculture to the locust boards, and appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of said Act, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 250, 251.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 361), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, made special order, pp. 406, 407.

Consideration postponed, p. 409.

Consideration resumed, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 413, 414.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 489.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 489, 490.

Report of conference committee (No. 33), pp. 639, 640.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 640.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, pp. 668, 669.

(See Act No. 2121.)

662. An Act authorizing the Director of Labor to commence and carry on civil and criminal actions on behalf of the working classes; to employ the services of the prosecuting officers of the Government in such actions; creating the position of law clerk in the Bureau of Labor, fixing the

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662—Continued.
salary of said position and making an appropriation therefor.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 267.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 345), report adopted, pp. 363, 364.

668. An Act providing that the annual tax on the assessed value of the real estate of the city of Manila for the year nineteen hundred and twelve shall be one per centum thereof.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, pp. 97, 98.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 271), report received, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendments made by the committee be concurred in, report adopted, read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 116, 117.

Commission amendments concurred in by Assembly, p. 145.

(See Act No. 2079.)

673. An Act repealing certain provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings."

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 690.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 453), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 783, 784.

(See Act No. 2141.)

681. An Act prohibiting the entry or introduction, under certain conditions, of every kind of large cattle into the Island of Catanduanes, Province of Albay, and establishing penalties for the violation of this Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 274.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 381), report adopted, pp. 484, 485.

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683. An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de San José, in the Barrio of Tabontabon, of the said municipality, from Calle Real to Bureau of Lands monument number one, the boundary of the municipal property, as shown on the plan prepared by said Bureau, for school purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 242.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table and substituted by another bill (Report No. 328), report adopted, pp. 293, 294.

(See C. B. No. 151.)

684. An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Raquel, in the barrio of Guinarola, of said municipality, beginning at Calle San Francisco and thence fifty-eight meters and sixty-eight centimeters towards the northeast part of said barrio, for school purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 242, 243.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table and substituted by another bill (Report No. 328), report adopted, pp. 293, 294.

(See C. B. No. 151.)

686. An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Burauen, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Santa Barbara, in the población of said municipality, the section to be closed to have an approximate length of thirty-five meters and be bounded on the north by Calle de San Agustin and on the south by Calle del Santo Niño, for school purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 243.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, and substituted by another bill (Report No. 328), report adopted, pp. 293, 294.

(See C. B. No. 151.)

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694. An Act amending sections thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of Act Numbered eleven hundred and forty-eight, known as The Forest Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 391.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 404), report adopted, pp. 538–540.

698. An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Leyte, in the Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to order closed a certain portion of Calles de Rawis, Amparo, and Gabaldon, for the purpose of enabling said municipality to avail itself of the benefits of the Gabaldon Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 243, 244.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table and substituted by another bill (Report No. 328), report adopted, pp. 293, 294.

(See C. B. No. 151.)

700. An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and eight, by providing that the Court of First Instance of Ambos Camarines shall hold regular sessions in the municipality of Tigaon, of the said province.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 216, 217.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 331), report adopted, pp. 305–307.

704. An Act making the civil service privileges extensive to the municipal treasurers of provinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 491, 492.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 688, 690.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 491), report adopted, pp. 883, 884.

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705. An Act amending section one hundred and seventy-four of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "The Corporation Law," and section one hundred and eighty-two thereof as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and thirty-seven of the Philippine Legislature.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 230.

Recalled from Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 258.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 320), report adopted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 269, 270.

(See Act No. 2092.)

707. An Act amending Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine by granting a donation in money, to be paid from provincial funds, to families of unclassified employees, including laborers, of the provincial government, injured in the clear line of duty.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 187.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 312), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment proposed by standing committee be concurred in with further amendment, report adopted, ordered on file, for third reading, pp. 226–228.

Read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 230, 231.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 670.

(See Act No. 2123.)

710. An Act conveying certain agricultural lands under certain conditions to the municipalities of the Philippines.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 275.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 412), report adopted, pp. 606, 607.

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717. An Act amending Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, by extending the provisions thereof to employees of municipal treasurers who are deputies of the provincial treasurer.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 257, 258.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 409), report accepted, and consideration of the bill postponed until the next session of the Legislature, pp. 578–585.

727. An Act authorizing the municipalities of the Philippine Islands to impose in certain cases a tax on the removal, in certain quantities, of gravel, sand, and stone from the rivers by private individuals and companies, and amending in this sense section forty-three of Act Numbered Eighty-two, as amended.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, p. 220.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 400), report adopted, p. 532.

733. An Act amending subsection (*c*) of section six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty relating to cattle quarantines.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 535.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 690.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 438), report adopted, p. 709.

734. An Act authorizing the municipal council of the municipality of Dagami, Province of Leyte, Philippine Islands, to close Calle de Rizal which divides a piece of land set aside for school purposes belonging to said municipality in the barrio of Pastrana into two parcels, in order that said street may be used for said purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 244.

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734—Continued.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table and substituted by another bill (Report No. 328), report adopted, pp. 293, 294.

(See C. B. No. 151.)

737. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code," by changing the scale of salaries for municipal officials.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 267.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 391), report adopted, pp. 515, 516.

741. An Act appropriating Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of classes for the instruction and training of male and female nurses under the supervision of the Director of Health."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, pp. 654, 655.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, pp. 688, 690.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 449), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 774, 775.

(See Act No. 2138.)

744. An Act to amend articles four hundred and forty-three and four hundred and forty-six of the Penal Code, relating to the crimes of estupro and abduction.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 214.

Reported with recommendation that bill be indefinitely postponed (Report No. 351), report adopted, pp. 376, 377.

751. An Act amending General Orders, Numbered Fifty-eight, by making provision for assessors to sit in the trial of criminal causes in courts of First Instance outside of the city of Manila.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on

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751—Continued.

Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 691.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 496), report adopted, pp. 888, 889.

754. An Act changing the name of the municipality of Tagle, Province of Isabela, to Angadanan.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 219.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 318), report adopted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 259, 260.

(See Act No. 2089.)

755. An Act to amend sections fifty-five, sixty-six, and one hundred twenty-three of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "The Internal Revenue Law."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 273.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 370), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 449–451.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 669.

(See Act No. 2126.)

756. An Act providing that the ten thousand pesos appropriated by Act Numbered nineteen hundred and fifty-five as a loan to pay a part of the expenses of the Philippine Carnival be turned over to the Philippine Exposition Board created by Act Numbered Two thousand and twenty-three.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 336.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 338), report adopted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 346, 347.

(See Act No. 2094.)

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768. An Act amending section four of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-five, providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of municipal vice-president and councilor.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 214.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 372), report adopted, pp. 453, 454.

770. An Act authorizing both Houses of the Philippine Legislature to designate the persons who shall administer oaths to their respective members and officers, and authorizing the secretaries of said Houses to administer oaths to their subordinate employees and in official matters without charge.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 650, 651.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 691.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 450), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 775, 776.

(See Act No. 2139.)

773. An Act establishing prescription of crimes and misdemeanors.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 527.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 426), report adopted, p. 642.

777. An Act amending section seventeen of Act Numbered Seven hundred and three and section seventeen of Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty-four and extending the provisions thereof to the railroad from Manila to Dagupan and to the railroad franchises granted by Acts Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and Fifteen hundred and ten.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 268.

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777—Continued.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 415), report adopted, p. 608.

783. An Act repealing the power of the Governor-General to disqualify any public officer subject to an official investigation.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 663, 664.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 691.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 489), report adopted, p. 882.

795. An Act to fix the amount of the gold-standard fund, created under Act Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-eight, authorizing the deposit of the excess of the amount so fixed to the credit of the general fund of the Treasury, and authorizing the investment of a portion of the said gold-standard fund.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 144, 145.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 290), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment made by select committee be concurred in, report adopted, read third time, further amended, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 149–152.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 182.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 182, 183.

Report of conference committee (No. 26), pp. 207, 208.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, pp. 208, 209.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 213.

(See Act No. 2083.)

798. An Act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities for health purposes and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by Act Numbered Three hundred and eight, defining the duties and powers of the latter, and creating in each province a special fund called "health fund" for expenses in connection therewith, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 626.

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798—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 688, 691.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 451), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 776–781.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 817, 818.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 818.

Report of conference committee (No. 43), p. 864.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, pp. 864, 865.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 865.

(See Act No. 2156.)

805. An Act declaring invalid extrajudicial statements or depositions of defendants except when made under certain conditions, and providing that the witnesses of a defendant in a criminal cause, once present in court, having been legally summoned by request of the defense, cannot be called by the representation of the Government without the consent of the defendant or his counsel.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 588.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be not passed (Report No. 428), report accepted, read second time, and further consideration indefinitely postponed, pp. 643, 644.

809. An Act repealing the provisions of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five in so far as they relate to the municipality of San Juan del Monte, and extending the provisions of Act Numbered Eighty-two and amendments thereto to said municipality.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 188.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 308), report adopted, pp. 209, 210.

815. An Act authorizing municipal councils to establish a register of mechanics or day-laborers residing in their respective municipalities, and for other purposes.

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815—Continued.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 409, 410.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 417), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 610, 611.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 664.

(See Act No. 2129.)

822. An Act to authorize the creation of rural associations subsidized by the Government in each of the municipalities and townships of the Philippine Islands, for the purpose of fostering rural industries and agricultural production, creating for that purpose a special fund in the Insular Treasury that shall be derived chiefly from customs duties on imported rice, or, in default thereof, from the gold-standard fund, or from the General Fund in the Insular Treasury.

In special session:

Received, read first time and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 691.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 507), report adopted, pp. 898, 899.

823. An Act appropriating funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated to aid municipalities in establishing and maintaining intermediate schools, under certain conditions.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 692.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 468), report adopted, p. 815.

824. An Act providing for the distribution and application of internal-revenue taxes collected in the Philippine Islands from July first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 273.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 355), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the

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824—Continued.

Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read and approved, pp. 393–396.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 480.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 480, 481.

Report of conference committee (No. 35), pp. 658, 659.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 659.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 879.

(See Act No. 2127.)

827. An Act granting to the Lucban Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to divert and utilize certain waters for the purpose of generating power for the maintenance of an electric light, heat, and power system, and to install, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power supply system in the municipality of Lucban, Province of Tayabas.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 448, 449.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 692.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 479), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 854–857.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 911.

(See Act No. 2167.)

833. An Act providing that deputy fiscals in the provinces organized under the Provincial Government Act shall be exempt from civil service examination, if they are lawyers.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 466, 467.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 384), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, ordered on file for third reading, pp. 494, 495.

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833—Continued.

Read third time, further amended, passed, and the title amended, read, approved, pp. 512, 513.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, p. 574.

(See Act No. 2108.)

837. An Act creating a commission to secure, organize, and make an exhibit of Philippine products, manufactures, art, ethnology, and education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, in the United States, in nineteen hundred and fifteen.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 573.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 692.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 443), report accepted, and the bill ordered on file for second reading, pp. 712, 713.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and title amended, read, and approved, pp. 772, 773.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 819, 820.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 820.

Report of conference committee (No. 40), pp. 848, 849.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, pp. 849, 850.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 850.

(See Act No. 2163.)

845. An Act repealing Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-five of the Philippine Commission, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Manila,' as amended, by providing that appropriations for the government of said city shall be made by the municipal board, subject to the approval of the Governor-General, and for other purposes."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 467.

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845—Continued.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 431), report adopted, pp. 645, 646.

862. An Act to increase the compensation of the justice of the peace of the city of Manila.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 225.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 357), report adopted, pp. 402, 403.

(See A. B. No. 941.)

863. An Act further amending sections seventy-eight and eighty-eight of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 230.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 376), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 462–464.

Commission amendments concurred in by Assembly, pp. 595, 596.

(See Act No. 2111.)

866. An Act authorizing and directing the Insular Treasurer, in representation of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to bring suit to recover, and, at the proper time, receive and receipt for funds belonging to the subscription opened for the relief of those damaged by the earthquake of June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to distribute said funds in accordance with the allotments made by the central relief board appointed at that time, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 401, 402.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 390), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 508–510.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, p. 574.

(See Act No. 2109.)

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868. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code" as amended, authorizing councilors to appoint as barrio lieutenants and substitutes therefor persons who are not qualified electors in case other persons duly qualified as such cannot be found to accept the appointment and granting such appointees certain compensation.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 535.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 692.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 485), report adopted, pp. 877, 878.

874. An Act providing for the postponement of the payment of installments on the purchase price of the so-called friar lands and interest thereon during the year nineteen hundred and twelve and every other year when there is drought or any other calamity, and providing that in no case shall more than one installment or annual rental be collected.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 256, 257.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 344), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment of standing committee be concurred in, report adopted, and bill ordered on file for third reading, pp. 356–359.

Read third time, amended, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 363.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 479, 480.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 479, 480.

Report of conference committee (No. 32), pp. 604, 605.

Conference report agreed to by Commission, p. 605.

Conference report agreed to by Assembly, p. 675.

(See Act No. 2125.)

884. An Act facilitating the adjudication and registration of titles to lands in the Philippine Islands which are provided with *títulos reales* duly issued by the Spanish Government, and appropriating twenty-five thousand pesos a

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year for the judiciary to take the place of the fees abolished by this Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 266.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 335), report adopted, pp. 337, 338.

885. An Act to amend sections fifty-four and one hundred and fifty-two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, known as the Corporation Law.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 335.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 364), report adopted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed and the title read and approved, p. 412.

Vote reconsidered, amended, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 422, 423.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 464, 465.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 465.

888. An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit the collection of the land tax for the years nineteen hundred and two, nineteen hundred and three, nineteen hundred and four, and nineteen hundred and five, under certain conditions, and extending the time for the redemption of lands and improvements which have been sold for delinquency in the payment of the land tax.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, p. 275.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 347), report adopted, p. 365.

889. An Act authorizing provincial boards to remit, suspend or postpone the payment, without penalty, of the land tax, in whole or in part, in their respective provinces during the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and appropriating the sum of one million three hundred and forty-five thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Insular funds not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse to the provinces and municipalities the amounts

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collected by them from land taxes during the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

In second session:

Received, read first time and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue, pp. 274, 275.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 348), report adopted, pp. 365, 366.

893. An Act amending certain sections of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty relating to the administration, temporary lease and sale of certain haciendas and lands, commonly known as friar lands.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 273, 274.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 353), reported, pp. 385–387.

894. An Act providing for the administration, maintenance, and improvement of irrigation systems appurtenant to the so-called friar lands.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 257.

Recalled from Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 459.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 375), report adopted, pp. 461, 462.

901. An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and ninety, as amended, and ratifying and confirming all executive orders, of the Governor-General extending the area subject to the disposition, administration, and authority of the committee appointed under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended, and the acts of said committee in the premises.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to Select Committee, pp. 688, 692.

Reported without amendment, (Report No. 470), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 816, 817.

Explanation of vote, p. 817.

(See Act No. 2150.)

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902. An Act establishing a uniform method of entering into a contract and requiring a certificate from the Insular Auditor showing funds duly appropriated which may be used for the purpose indicated in a proposed contract entailing the expenditure of money.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 448.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 418), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, p. 611.

Further considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 612–614.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, p. 662.

(See Act No. 2119.)

904. An Act to prohibit certain cruel practices on horses and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 449.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 371), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 451–453.

Commission amendment concurred in by Assembly, p. 481.

(See Act No. 2101.)

905. An Act prescribing the procedure in all cases of the detention or arrest of male offenders under twenty-one years and of female offenders under twenty-five years of age, as well as the form of trial and criminal proceedings against them; containing also provisions relative to the correction of minors rebellious to paternal authority and the detention or arrest of older persons.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 500), report adopted, pp. 892–894.

906. An Act prohibiting the entry or introduction of any cattle into the Province of Palawan, subject to certain conditions, and establishing penalties for violations thereof.

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906—Continued.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 506.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 403), report adopted, p. 538.

908. An Act making December twenty-seventh of each year the date for the celebration of the local fiesta of Gumaca, Province of Tayabas.

In second session:

Received, read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 263, 264.

(See Act No. 2090.)

916. An Act defining the qualifications for eligibility to the office of head of department of the city of Manila.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 491.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 399), report adopted, pp. 531, 532.

918. An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section four of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "A general Act for the organization of municipal governments in the Philippine Islands."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 481, 482.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 414), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, report adopted, pp. 607, 608.

922. An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos, or such part thereof as may be necessary, from the Insular funds, for the expenses of reception to the committee of the United States Congress which is to visit the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 466.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 389), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted,

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read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 506–508.

Assembly disagrees to amendments and asks a conference, p. 615.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 615.

Report of conference committee (No. 34), pp. 640, 641.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 641.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 879.

(See Act No. 2133.)

924. An Act providing for the establishment of a sanitarium and bathing establishment at Boloc-Boloc, municipality of Barili, Province of Cebu, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 594.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 421), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, bill ordered on file for third reading, pp. 627, 628.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, and bill ordered on file for third reading, pp. 688, 703.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 848.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 879.

(See Act No. 2158.)

925. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-four in the sense of authorizing the exercise of the right of eminent domain for general purposes.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 503), report adopted, p. 895.

(See also A. B. 949.)

927. An Act to authorize a continuing annual and reimbursable appropriation, to meet the obligations of the Insular government incurred by reason of contracts authorized by Act

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927—Continued.

Numbered Thirteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 361.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 354), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 388–391.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 622.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 622.

Report of conference committee (No. 37), p. 660.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, pp. 660, 661.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 663.

(See Act No. 2118.)

929. An Act authorizing the Municipal Board of the city of Manila and the Bureau of Public Works to provide for the payment of the compensation and other expenses to their respective unclassified employees and laborers injured in the performance of their duties, and of a donation in cash to the families of such unclassified employees and laborers dying from injuries resulting from labor accidents.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the select committee, p. 391.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 382), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment be concurred in, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 485–487.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, pp. 664, 665.

(See Act No. 2120.)

931. An act providing for the reorganization of the Courts of First Instance.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 527.

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931—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be indefinitely postponed (Report No. 475), report adopted, pp. 836–839.

932. An Act regulating the organization of life insurance corporations, defining their powers, fixing the duties of directors and other officers thereof, prescribing conditions under which said corporations may transact business, prescribing rules under which foreign life insurance corporations may transact business in these Islands and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict or inconsistent with this Act, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 511, 512.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 430), report adopted, pp. 644, 645.

937. An Act authorizing the provinces and subprovinces of the Philippines to appropriate from their funds certain sums for the purpose of granting allowances to young Filipinos in their respective jurisdictions to enable them to follow a career in the University of the Philippines or any other official educational centers in Manila.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 401.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 461), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 802–805.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 916.

(See Act No. 2146.)

939. An Act fixing the second Sunday of October of each year for the celebration of the local fiesta of the municipality of Casiguran.

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939—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 510), report adopted, p. 901.

940. An Act creating the office of shipping commissioner, defining his duties, regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen in domestic vessels and the adjudication of wage disputes in certain cases.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 383.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 378), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 470–477.

In special session:

Received, read first time and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 688, 705.

Commission requests conference, p. 705.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 819.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 819.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

941. An Act amending certain sections of Acts Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, fourteen hundred and fifty and sixteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, by introducing certain reforms in the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts, and changing the salaries of the justices of the peace of the municipalities of Tacloban and Maasin in the Province of Leyte.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 383, 384.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 360), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report

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941—Continued.

adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 404–406.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 465.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 465, 466.

Report of conference committee (No. 39), p. 674.

Commission agrees to conference report, pp. 674, 675.

Assembly agrees to conference report, p. 675.

(See Act No. 2131.)

943. An Act regarding public auctions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 505.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 693.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 508), report adopted, pp. 899, 900.

945. An Act authorizing the Director of Forestry, during the period from April first, nineteen hundred and twelve, to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, to provide for the salaries, traveling expenses, and per diems of the students who have completed the course in the Forest School, and appropriating the sum of four thousand five hundred and sixty pesos for such purpose.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 588, 589.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 411), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 605, 606.

(See Act No. 2112.)

946. An Act providing for the creation of seventy scholarships, at least one for each of the provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, known as The Provincial Government Act, and for the special provinces of Palawan, Mindoro, and Batanes, in the Government Forest School established at Los Baños, La Laguna, and appropriating twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven pesos and fifty centavos for such purpose.

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946—Continued.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 586, 587.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 425), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that consideration be postponed, report accepted, p. 638.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, bill ordered on file for .third reading, pp. 688, 703, 704.

Read third time, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 900.

(See Act No. 2168.)

947. An Act appropriating the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the Insular treasury not otherwise appropriated, for distribution to certain provinces and disbursement for the construction or repair of roads and bridges.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 672.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 693, 694.

Recalled from Committee on Appropriations and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 770.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 495), report adopted, pp. 887, 888.

948. An Act providing for the appointment of a committee of three to investigate and make a report and recommendations on the situation of the Filipino laborers who have emigrated to the Hawaiian Islands, appropriating the sum of six thousand pesos from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the expenses and per diems of said committee, and for other purposes.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 694.

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948—Continued.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 469), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, report adopted, p. 816.

949. An Act authorizing municipalities to acquire land for the establishment of schools or for the extension of lands where schools are established, by condemnation proceedings under existing laws.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 588.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 694.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 456), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 796–799.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 818.

Commission insists on its amendment, and agrees to conference, pp. 818, 819.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

953. An Act creating a committee to investigate the causes of the excessive infant mortality in the Philippines and the measures which should be adopted to combat it, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand pesos or such part thereof as may be necessary for said purpose.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 400, 401.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 408), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 575–578.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 663.

(See Act No. 2116.)

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954. An Act amending subsection (*a*) of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and twenty-five.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 536.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 694.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 502), report adopted, pp. 894, 895.

956. An Act to appropriate funds for charitable purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 665.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 665.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 436), report accepted, made special order, p. 708.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 805, 806.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 916.

(See Act No. 2147.)

960. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act for the regulation of the Philippine civil service."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 426, 427.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 388), report adopted, pp. 499–501.

961. An Act amending section twenty-two of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by section one of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-one, so that the office hours in all Bureaus and Offices in the Philippine Civil Service and in the city of Manila shall be seven hours, and that the same may be reduced to five from the first of April, and not before, to the fifteenth of June, and not later, of each year, and providing means for the strict observance of the same.

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961—Continued.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 492.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 688, 694.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 494), report adopted, pp. 885–887.

966. An Act further amending section twelve of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a Code of Procedure in Civil Actions and Special Proceedings in the Philippine Islands," as amended, by providing for the continuation of the Spanish language as the official language of the courts until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 448.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 423), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 632–635.

Explanations of votes, pp. 635–637.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 671.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 671.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 688, 704, 705.

Commission requests conference, p. 705.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 823.

Commission insists upon its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 823, 824.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

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968. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled "An Act to equalize and secure uniformity in salaries of provincial governors and treasurers" as regards those of the Provinces of Bohol, Samar, and Nueva Ecija.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 481.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 444), pp. 713, 714.

970. An Act amending the conditions under which funds appropriated for the construction of schools in the municipalities and barrios of the Philippine Islands shall be available for expenditure.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 587.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 695.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 440), p. 710.

973. An Act appropriating the sum of twelve thousand pesos, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for expenditure for the purchase of seeds of food plants by the Bureau of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands and their shipment and distribution to the municipalities or persons making applications therefor, under certain conditions.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 695.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 457), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 799.

(See Act No. 2143.)

975. An Act creating a committee for the investigation of the public services.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 505.

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975—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 695.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 504), report adopted, pp. 895, 896.

976. An Act appropriating the sum of seven thousand pesos for the maintenance of the twenty Government scholarships now existing in the College of Veterinary Science of the Philippine University, by virtue of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty.

In second session:

Received, read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 490, 491.

(See Act No. 2105.)

977. An Act authorizing Mauro Prieto and associates to establish a mortgage bank under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 505, 506.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 419), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 615–620.

Explanations of votes, p. 620.

Commission amendment concurred in by the Assembly, p. 669.

(See Act No. 2124.)

978. An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-five.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Election Law, p. 503.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 401), report adopted, pp. 532, 533.

981. An Act amending Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "The Labor Accidents Law," and for other purposes.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 695.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 465), report adopted, pp. 813, 814.

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982. An Act repealing Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An Act to prohibit the display of flags, banners, emblems, or devices used in the Philippine Islands for the purpose of rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States and the display of Katipunan flags, banners, emblems, or devices, and for other purposes."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 490.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 398), report adopted, p. 531.

983. An Act to prevent the introduction into the Philippine Islands of plant diseases and epidemics.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 695.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 460), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 801, 802.

(See Act No. 2145.)

985. An Act providing that a coast guard cutter of the Insular Government shall make fortnightly trips from the ports of Cebú, Iloilo, and Bohol to any of the points in the Provinces of Agusan, Surigao, and Moro Province, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 658.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 695.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 486), report adopted, p. 880.

987. An Act authorizing municipalities to designate the dates for the fiestas of consolidated pueblos, under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 535.

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987—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 696.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 484), report adopted, pp. 876, 877.

988. An Act to provide for the reorganization, government, and inspection of the municipal police of the municipalities or provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 627.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, pp. 688, 696.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 464), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendment be concurred in, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 812, 813.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 847.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 847, 848.

Report of conference committee (No. 49), pp. 911, 912.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 912.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 912.

(See Act No. 2169.)

990. An Act appropriating funds from the Insular Treasury to aid the municipalities in the payment of increased salaries to the teachers, under certain conditions.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 593.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be not passed (Report No. 429), report adopted, p. 644.

993. An Act appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand pesos for the establishment and maintenance in the city of Manila of a school of household industries.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee

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993—Continued.

on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 503.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 405), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 540, 541.

(See Act No. 2110.)

994. An Act creating the Bureau of Land Registration, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 527.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 696.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be indefinitely postponed (Report No. 476), report adopted, pp. 839, 840.

996. An Act to amend subsection (*a*) of section twenty-five of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, known as the Revised Civil Service Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, p. 595.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 688, 696.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 492), report adopted, pp. 884, 885.

997. An Act amending sections eight and nine of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and three, entitled "An Act to define and fix the status of prisoners and the responsibility for their maintenance, and for other purposes."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 504.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 395), report adopted, p. 528.

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998. An Act authorizing the municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, to change the date of the celebration of its local fiesta.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 688, 696.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 509), report received, and the bill laid on the table, pp. 900, 901.

999. An Act appropriating funds for expenses of special investigations and examinations by the Insular Auditor during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, p. 536.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 432), report adopted, and bill ordered on file for second reading, pp. 646, 647.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and ordered on file for second reading, pp. 688, 705, 706.

Read second time, considered in Committee on the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 805.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 810.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 810.

Report of conference committee (No. 44), p. 865.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, pp. 865, 866.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 867.

(See Act No. 2154.)

1000. An Act amending sections three, five, twelve, seventeen, and twenty-seven of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Election Law, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to Select Committee on Amendments to the Election Law, p. 664.

In special session:

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Election Law, pp. 688, 696.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 462), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule

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1000—Continued.

XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, p. 808.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 809.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 809.

Report of conference committee (No. 45), pp. 873, 874.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, pp. 874, 875.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 875.

(See Act No. 2170.)

1001. An Act to regulate motor vehicle traffic in the Philippine Islands, to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators and to require all vehicles on highways to carry lights.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 534.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 696, 697.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 455), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 785–791.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 850, 851.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 851.

Report of conference committee (No. 47), p. 903.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 903.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, pp. 903, 904.

(See Act No. 2159.)

1005. An Act authorizing the sale of the lands known as the San Lazaro Estate to the present tenants thereof.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 573.

Reported with recommendation that consideration be postponed (Report No. 434), report adopted, pp. 647, 648.

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1010. An Act providing school prizes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 526.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 424), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table, p. 637.

1011. An Act making a reimbursable appropriation of one million pesos to aid in the establishment of banks in the provinces and important municipalities of the Philippine Islands, under certain conditions and limitations, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 667, 668.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 697.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 482), report accepted, read second time, and laid on the table, pp. 869–873.

1013. An Act authorizing the municipality of Ibajay, Province of Capiz, to again change the date of its municipal fiesta.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 697.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 511), report adopted, p. 901.

1014. An Act providing for the purchase, administration, and sale of a certain estate situate in the Province of Cavite.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 697.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 514), report adopted, pp. 907, 908.

1015. An Act authorizing an appropriation of five hundred and seventy-five thousand pesos for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen for the University of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on

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1015—Continued.

Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 697.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 459), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 800, 801.

Explanation of vote, p. 801.

(See Act No. 2144.)

1020. An Act providing that the provisions of existing law requiring purchases to be made through the Bureau of Supply and the Philippines Library boards and printing to be done by the Bureau of Printing, and certain provisions of section three of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, shall not be applicable to the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 595.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 697.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 505), report adopted, pp. 896, 897.

1021. An Act granting to any person who has not paid, or at any time failed to pay, the cedula tax, the benefit of allowing such person to pay the same during the year nineteen hundred and twelve without any penalty, at the rate of one peso per annum for each year from the establishment of said tax until the year nineteen hundred and eleven; reducing the penalty on the cedula tax and amending part of section one of Act Numbered Sixteen hundred and fifty-two accordingly, and for other purposes.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 587.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 427), report adopted, pp. 642, 643.

1022. An Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the Insular Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and other designated periods.

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1022—Continued.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 650.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 701.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 447), read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 715–770.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 811.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 811.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

1025. An Act amending section three of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-three, entitled "An Act to provide fire protection in municipalities having no paid fire department."

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 698.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 474), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 835, 836.

(See Act No. 2151.)

1026. An Act authorizing the Insular Auditor to collect certain sums borrowed from the so-called "Cajas de Comunidad," and for other purposes.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 698.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 478), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 852–854.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 904.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, pp. 904, 905.

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1026—Continued.

Report of conference committee (No. 48), pp. 906, 907.
Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 907.
Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 911.
(See Act No. 2166.)

1027. An Act declaring exempt from the civil-service examination all licentiates and doctors of medicine duly qualified by the Board of Medical Examiners for the Philippine Islands for the performance of the duties of health officer, sanitary inspector, and surgeon in the Philippine Constabulary.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 688, 698.
Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 497), report adopted, p. 889.

1028. An Act defining and penalizing infidelity in the custody of prisoners, unifying the penalties therefor, and repealing articles three hundred and fifty-eight and three hundred and fifty-nine of the Penal Code.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 594, 595.
Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 433), report adopted, p. 647.

1029. An Act changing the penalty for the crimes of falsification of documents, as defined in chapters four and five of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, p. 594.
Reported with amendment (Report No. 422), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that amendments be concurred in, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 628–632.
Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 672.
Commission insists upon its amendment, and agrees to conference, p. 672.

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1029—Continued.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 688, 706.

Commission requests conference, p. 706.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, p. 824.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 824.

Report of conference committee—failure to agree, p. 915.

1030. An Act making appropriations for public works.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 656.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee pp. 688, 701.

Recalled from select committee and referred to Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 770.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 516), report adopted, p. 909.

1031. An Act to amend article eleven of the Penal Code of the Philippine Islands.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Finance and Justice, pp. 688, 698.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 454), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 784, 785.

(See Act No. 2142.)

1033. An Act authorizing the appointment, for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirteen, of certain high school students, subject to the provisions of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and appropriating funds for carrying out the purposes of said Act.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 661.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on

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1033—Continued.

Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 698.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 441), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 711.

(See Act No. 2134.)

1037. An Act clarifying subsection (*c*) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "The Municipal Code."

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 653, 654.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 698.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 501), report adopted, p. 894.

1038. An Act to encourage and favor the planting and cultivation of rice and maize, by refunding the amount of the land tax on land planted in said grains, under certain conditions.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 698, 699.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 480), report received, and bill laid on the table, pp. 866, 867.

1039. An Act to prevent distress among the people of the Philippine Islands from failure of food staples.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, p. 656.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 699.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 452), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendment, report accepted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title amended, read, and approved, pp. 782, 783.

Assembly disagrees to amendment and asks a conference, pp. 809, 810.

Commission insists on its amendment and agrees to conference, p. 810.

Report of conference committee (No. 41), pp. 857, 858.

Conference report agreed to by the Commission, p. 858.

Conference report agreed to by the Assembly, p. 858.

(See Act No. 2155.)

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1040. An Act amending section (*i*) of section forty of the Municipal Code.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, p. 651.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 699.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 466), report accepted, read second time, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 814.

(See Act No. 2149.)

1041. An Act amending paragraph (*b*) of section one of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An Act creating the 'fidelity-bond premium fund,' providing for assurance against losses, shortages, and defalcations by officers or employees accountable for public funds and public property, and for other purposes," by extending the provisions of said Act so as to include all employees in the offices of municipal treasurers.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 656, 657.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 699.

Reported with amendment (Report No. 471), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table, report adopted, pp. 825–832.

1042. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Three hundred and forty-five, entitled "An Act designating the days which shall be observed as public holidays in the Philippine Islands," as amended, so as to declare the first Tuesday of June, nineteen hundred and twelve, and of each fourth year thereafter an official holiday.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 655, 656.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 699.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 442), report accepted, made special order, pp. 711, 712.

Read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole,

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1042—Continued.

reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 878.

(See Act No. 2160.)

1043. An Act appropriating the sum of thirty thousand pesos to be expended in testing the special formula of Doctor Eliodoro Mercado for the cure of leprosy, and appointing a technical committee to report on cases of said disease reported as cured up to the present time.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, p. 653.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of the Interior, pp. 688, 699.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 499), report adopted, pp. 890–892.

1044. An Act amending section two of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-five, entitled "An Act providing for the consolidation of all libraries belonging to any branch of the Philippine Insular Government for the creation of the 'The Philippines Library,' and for the maintenance and regulation of the same, and for other purposes," by fixing the status of the libraries of both Houses of the Legislature.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 654.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 700.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 506), report adopted, p. 898.

1045. An Act for the protection and assistance of persons living in the vicinity of Taal Volcano.

In second session:

Received, read first and second times, considered in Committee of the Whole, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 655.

(See Act No. 2115.)

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1046. An Act authorizing and confirming certain payments made from the road and bridge fund of the Province of Cebu by Eugene Garnett, provincial treasurer of Cebú and by C. D. Upington, acting provincial treasurer of the same province.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Provincial Governments, pp. 688, 700.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 515), report received, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, report adopted, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, p. 908.

(See Act No. 2162.)

1047. An Act establishing the qualifications for appointment in the several departments and Bureaus of the government of the Philippine Islands.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 652, 653.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to Bureaus under the Executive Control of the Governor-General, pp. 688, 700.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 493), p. 885.

1048. An Act authorizing the appointment of certain high school students as Government pupils while pursuing courses of training for teaching, and authorizing expenditure for such pupils from funds designated by section twenty-six of Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-one, as amended, and appropriating funds for the support of such students.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, p. 657.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 700.

Reported with recommendation that bill be laid on the table (Report No. 439), report adopted, pp. 709, 710.

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1049. An Act appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand pesos to the Bureau of Education as a loan fund for aid to the provinces for permanent provincial school improvements.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 657, 658.

In special session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Public Instruction, pp. 688, 700.

Reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 437), report adopted, pp. 708, 709.

1050. An Act fixing the date on which the annual sessions of the Philippine Legislature shall commence.

In special session:

Received, read first and second times, read third time under Rule XIV, passed, and the title read and approved, pp. 649, 650.

(See Act No. 2114.)

1051. An Act amending section forty-three (*j*) of the municipal code as amended by Act Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-four, so as to authorize the free traffic of certain sledges over improved roads and of other kinds of sledges only for crossing such improved roads from one side to the other.

In second session:

Received, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Department of Commerce and Police, p. 653.

In special session:

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1052. An Act prohibiting the holding of horse races in the city of Manila on February fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and designating another day therefor, and for other purposes.

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1053. An Act amending section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and thirty-seven of the Philippine Commission regulating horse racing in the Philippine Islands.

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Received, read first time, and referred to select committee, pp. 688, 701.

Reported without amendment (Report No. 458), report accepted, read second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with recommendation that the bill be laid on the table (Report No. 458), report adopted, p. 800.

1054. An Act appropriating five thousand pesos for the maintenance in an appropriate manner of the land and house where Doctor José Rizal was born and lived, in the municipality of Calamba, Province of La Laguna, and for other purposes.

In special session:

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1055. An Act amending Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and seven, as amended, by extending to ten years the period during which timber, firewood, resins, stone, earth, and other forest products may be cut or taken from the public forests without the payment of forestry charges, and extending the benefits to agricultural haciendas under certain conditions.

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13. Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the second session of the Second Legislature on Thursday, February first, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock midnight.

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14. Concurrent Resolution providing for the adjournment of the special session of the Legislature, on Tuesday, February sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, at twelve o'clock post-meridian, and for other purposes.

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